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**Flood Watch Issued for San Joaquin County**

*Storm preparedness starts with you. Take simple steps now to protect your family in the face of the storm.*

**STOCKTON, CA** – As of at 8:49 a.m., the National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch for San Joaquin County from 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2025, through 4 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2025. Prolonged periods of rain and gusty winds may create hazardous driving conditions, including localized roadway flooding and ponding. The weather system is also expected to bring colder temperatures, increasing the risk of cold-related illnesses such as hypothermia, particularly among unhoused community members.

“The County stands ready to respond to flooding, power outages, and other storm impacts,” said Tiffany Cacho, Director of Emergency Operations, Office of Emergency Services. “We are working with our cities, partners, and the community to keep everyone safe, and we encourage residents to do their part and take steps now to prepare their homes and families.”

Simple actions taken today can reduce flood risks, protect property, and help keep the community safe. Community members are encouraged to clear drains and gutters of debris, secure outdoor furniture, trim trees of dead branches, check heating systems, and ensure carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

Community members are encouraged to take the additional following steps to help prepare for the incoming storm:

- Sign up for SJReady Alerts at [www.sjready.org](http://www.sjready.org) or text **SJStorms to 888777** to receive emergency notifications from official sources.
- Create an emergency plan with your family that accounts for the unique needs of each household member.
- Build an emergency supply kit with enough supplies to last at least 72 hours per person.
- Take photos of your home and property including vehicles, boats, and farm equipment for documentation purposes



## Office of Emergency Services

Tiffany Cacho, Director of Emergency Operations

- Move valuables from basements and ground level areas to higher locations when possible.
- Place sandbags in areas where water may enter the home.
- Don't risk driving through flooded roadways. Turn around. Don't drown.
- Stay informed by listening to local radio or television stations for the latest updates.
- Follow instructions from local authorities and evacuate immediately if directed to do so.

If community members see flooded roadways, they may report it to their local public works department. Community members may also report flooding on County maintained roads through one of the three following options:

- Use the Next Gen 311 app
- Submit a roadway flooding report at [sjcdpw.public.311service.com](https://sjcdpw.public.311service.com)
- Call (209) 468-3074

For information on sandbag availability and warming center locations, please check [www.sjready.org](http://www.sjready.org), their city's website or call 2-1-1 for assistance.

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### **About the Office of Emergency Management**

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is at the forefront of ensuring the safety and resilience of San Joaquin County. At OES, our unwavering commitment is to protect lives, property, and the environment across all phases of emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. We understand the dynamic nature of emergencies and disasters and strive to create a safer and more resilient community for all.

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Facebook: [@sjcoes](https://www.facebook.com/sjcoes)

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Nextdoor: [San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services](https://www.nextdoor.com/neighborhoods/san-joaquin-county-office-of-emergency-services)