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## **Tulare County Urges Residents to Prepare for Another Significant Storm**

VISALIA, CA – Tulare County officials are closely monitoring the forecast for an Atmospheric River storm arriving late Thursday, affecting the area through Saturday, with additional storms expected next week. High precipitation and snow totals with this storm are likely to cause hazardous conditions.

Residents should prepare now, especially in areas at risk of being isolated by snow or road / bridge closures. To prepare:

- Stock up on several days' worth of food, water, medications, and other necessary supplies
- Refill home propane tanks and/or secure adequate firewood for heating
- Refill primary and backup fuel supplies for generators and vehicles
- Charge backup batteries for your electronic devices
- Sandbag vulnerable structures in low-lying areas and near creeks, streams, rivers, canals, or other waterways
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle with food, water, and blankets in case you become stranded; do not leave your vehicle if stranded in the snow

Sandbags are available at many locations throughout Tulare County. For a list and map of locations, visit: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies/>

Follow these general safety tips around flooded or snowed-in areas:

- Never drive into flood waters – they are deeper, colder, and faster-moving than they appear
- Do not operate electrical equipment in standing water
- Operate generators only in well-ventilated areas
- Do not use ovens, ranges, or barbeques for home heating

For updates during major events including storms and flooding, visit the Tulare County Emergencies website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies/>, register for AlertTC at <https://www.alerttc.com/>, and follow the County of Tulare, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, and Tulare County Fire Department on social media:

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