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DEBRIS FLOW EVACUATION POINT

In preparation for debris flow evacuations, the County of Santa Cruz has opened a virtual Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP). Residents may call 831-454-2181 with questions regarding evacuations and resources. The County plans to open a shelter at 8 a.m. Sunday, October 24th when residents are notified of required evacuations.

The Sheriff's Office began door-to-door outreach Saturday in anticipation of evacuations in higher risk areas. Deputies are proactively contacting homes in the low-lying, high-risk areas that have the highest potential for evacuation. This outreach will be limited to Saturday.

Zones have been updated for risk of debris flow areas, so residents are encouraged to look up their evacuation zone at <https://community.zonehaven.com>. Residents are also encouraged to register landlines, cell phones, or VoIP phones with CodeRED by visiting <https://www.scr911.org/> and signing up for notifications, or texting SCR911 to 99411.

Debris flows are fast-moving masses of mud, rocks, boulders, trees and sometimes homes or vehicles. They move quickly and are often deadly to those in their path. The only way to avoid debris flows is to move to safety prior to any debris flow event. For debris flow information, visit <https://www.santacruzcounty.us/FireRecovery/DebrisFlow.aspx>.

Residents are advised to seek shelter with friends and families. Please follow local news or County social media accounts at www.twitter.com/sccounty or www.facebook.com/countyofsantacruz for updates and additional information.

When evacuating, please take the following steps:

- Follow instructions from local officials, including for travel routes.
- Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Take your emergency go-bag or disaster supply kit.
- Lock your home.



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- Shut off water, gas and electricity if instructed to do so.
- Let others know when you left and where you are going.
- Make arrangements for pets and livestock, if necessary.

The weather forecast anticipates high winds and potential for downed trees. Residents should exercise caution when leaving their homes during the storm. For road conditions, visit sccroadclosure.com.

Those needing assistance with large animals should call Equine Evac at 831-708-8998.

If you have an emergency, please call 911.