

STORM SEASON SAFETY



SEEKING SHELTER IN A STORM

Hey Californians! As cooler months bring new, interrelated challenges to our state, like floods, high winds, power outages, mudslides, deep snow and cold temperatures, Listos California is taking action to protect our communities and remind them of the rights and resources they have if they need to seek shelter.

While the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and first responders across our state prepare for this climate-driven extreme weather, there are a few simple steps YOU can take today to keep yourself, your loved ones and neighbors safe.



SAFE PLACE OPTIONS

- If you need somewhere to stay until you can safely return home, consider:
 - Staying with a friend, family member or coworker outside the disaster area
 - Going to a public mass care shelter or warming center



MASS CARE SHELTERS

- Mass care shelters offer safety and free services during and after a disaster. They are run by governments or nonprofit organizations and are different from shelters for people who are homeless or fleeing domestic violence. Free services you can receive include:
 - Food and water
 - Bathrooms
 - Power to charge your phone or keep medicines cold
 - A warm, safe place to sleep
 - First aid and health care support





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WARMING CENTERS

- If you are struggling to stay warm during cold, wet or windy weather, a warming center provides community members with a safe and warm environment to stay in when the weather is dangerously cold.



ALL ARE WELCOME

- Public shelters and warming centers are open to all Californians, regardless of immigration status.
 - You will not be asked for ID.
 - You will not be reported to federal immigration officials.
 - Accepting disaster aid is never counted as a public charge and will not impact your immigration status.
- Service animals are allowed to stay with their owners in mass care shelters and warming centers. However, not all shelters accept household pets. Shelter staff can direct you to locations that are open to pets.
- There may be separate locations designated to shelter larger animals, like horses.



FIND A MASS CARE SHELTER OR WARMING CENTER

- Follow reliable news sources reporting on the disaster.
- Contact local officials.
- Cal OES will list all available mass care shelters and warming centers at news.caloes.ca.gov.

