

**City of Milpitas**

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City of Milpitas Anticipates Major Storm; Residents Urged to Prepare

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A serious storm that is expected to last at least two days is nearing the Bay Area, and Milpitas residents are encouraged to stay advised about possible flooding, mudslides, and downed trees caused by high winds. The City of Milpitas has activated a comprehensive emergency response, including the opening of its Emergency Operations Center. City officials are doing their part to keep the community safe, and residents can also help in the hours ahead.

Residents are encouraged to stay home and stay off the roads unless a mandatory evacuation order has been issued. Residents should take immediate action to keep themselves and their property safe, including preparing for loss of power and internet services for extended periods, heeding evacuation orders, and anchoring shade structures and other objects that could be damaged by winds.

“Take these warnings seriously,” notes Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano. “The National Weather Service has indicated that this storm has the potential to take lives and cause significant property damage. We’re doing everything possible to keep the community safe, but we need our residents to partner with us over the next few days,” Montano added.

The storms that affected the Bay Area last week led to many situations that were avoidable. Motorists and pedestrians should never attempt to navigate flooded areas, and the recent storm diverted vital public safety personnel and equipment in several communities. Milpitas public safety responses may be longer than usual during the storm, as staff will be managing many incidents including road closures and storm-related damage.

A full list of resources, including sandbag locations and other useful information, is available at www.Milpitas.gov/storminfo. Residents can also use the [MyMilpitas app](#) or call 408-586-2400 to report storm-related conditions. Avoid calling 9-1-1 unless you are having a police, fire, or medical emergency. The Milpitas Police and Fire Departments anticipate being extremely active



during the upcoming storm and the non-emergency phone line will be monitored 24/7 by dispatchers.

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas is a flourishing community with a very diverse and inclusive resident population of over 80,000. Often referred to as the Crossroads of Silicon Valley, the City is situated between major thoroughfares in the Bay Area and considered a highly desirable location for world-class technology companies seeking to build a central base of operations. With the addition of the new Milpitas Transit Center offering BART, light rail, and bus service, and multiple new mixed-use development projects, along with a host of new City Plans and Programs in support of an inspiring and sustainable future, the City is at the forefront of building the next generation economy. For more information, visit: www.milpitas.gov

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