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**Headline**

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**Sierra Madre Windstorm Information - Update # 5**

With the recent windstorm, the City of Sierra Madre has experienced many uprooted trees, snapped branches, and tree debris throughout the City. City crews have been working to continue to clear roads and the following 4 areas are impassable at this point: W. Carter Avenue west of Lima; W. Laurel between Baldwin and Auburn; Montecito Court behind the businesses along Kersting Court; and Manzanita Avenue between Park and Sunnyside. The City's main east/west arterial, Sierra Madre Boulevard, is open to traffic.

Due to the County wide emergency, the 911 lines may be answered by an alternate agency, but your emergency will be handled in the appropriate manner. Please call the City's main line at (626) 355-7135 for non-emergency calls. Only call 911 for life-threatening emergencies, downed utility lines, or damaged buildings.

The City has been in contact with Southern California Edison regarding restoring power. At this time, Southern California Edison is only responding to 911 wire-down calls. Southern California Edison has advised the City that crews are expected to begin restoring power in 48 to 72 hours from today. Customers are asked to stay away from any downed or dangling lines. A downed line or dangling wire is dangerous-even if it appears not to be live. While temporary power has been restored to the City's water system, residents are asked to continue to conserve water.

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