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Sierra Madre Windstorm Information - Update # 7

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 however, the following area is still impassable; Manzanita Avenue between Park and Sunnyside. The City's main east/west arterial, Sierra Madre Boulevard, is open to traffic. Public Safety and Public Works will be working throughout the weekend.

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. For non-emergency calls please call (626) 355-1414. Only call 911 for lifethreatening emergencies, downed utility lines, or damaged buildings.

There is a Red Cross shelter open in Pasadena at the Jackie Robinson Center at the corner of Fair Oaks and Mountain (626) 744-7300.

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 24 to 48 hours from today (some areas may experience longer delays). 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.

Property owners are responsible for all tree and vegetation debris; City staff cannot enter private property to remove tree debris. Private property owners are allowed to deposit tree debris from their property onto the side of the street, within the next seven days, for collection by City crews. Under no circumstances can tree debris be deposited in the streets in such a way as to create a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic. If you have other non-vegetation debris, you may schedule a one-time pick-up with Athens at (888) 336-6100. Do not place non-vegetation debris onto the side of the street until the night before the scheduled pick-up.

This is our last anticipated update for the weekend. Unless other issues occur.

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