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NEWS RELEASE

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Title: Winter Storm Preparation

The National Weather Service has forecast the possibility of heavy weather during the next 48-hours. City staff is already responding to major emergencies throughout the community. The city encourages you to take the following steps to provide for the comfort and safety of your family and neighbors.

- Prepare for power outages
- Watch for blocked storm drains and other sources of flooding
- Check on your neighbor

During a high wind event, power outages are common. Have battery-operated flashlights and a radio with fresh batteries ready to go. Listen for updates on storm conditions and local power outages on Radio Cupertino 1670 AM, and www.cupertino.org.

If your telephone requires electricity, plan for alternate communication such as a standard telephone handset or cellular phone.

Freeze plastic containers with water to keep food safe in your refrigerator or freezer.

Pre-filled sandbags are available for Cupertino residents to pick up at 10555 Mary Avenue, in Cupertino.

Wind and rain often block storm drains with debris. Keep the storm drains on your street clear with a rake or hoe.

If power goes out, please check on your neighbors.

During and after a storm, keep away from flooded areas, downed trees, and downed power lines.

Contact PG&E's 24-hour emergency and customer service line at 1-800-743-5002 for more information on power outages.

Winter storms can happen regularly. By working with our neighbors and taking basic precautions, we can make these storms matters of convenience rather than safety.

For more information visit www.cupertino.org.