



WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

Flood Watch

Weather is coming in and there are floods expected. In a state of emergency (for flood), the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is in charge. Please direct all flood inquires to our Sheriff's Dispatch.

(559) 675-7770

If you don't follow the Sheriff's Facebook, this is a good resource: [Madera County Sheriff's Office | Madera CA | Facebook](#)

**Sign-Up for Madera County Emergency
Notification System**

**Click on - nixle.us/EB4ZZ
and Sign- Up**



You can always call 311 - Assistance on Topic Areas- Animal Issues, Code Violations, Community Resources, Health & Safety Issues, Public Works, Road Issues, Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste.

The infographic is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a background image of a flooded street with a car partially submerged. The right panel has a background image of a flooded area with a person wading through the water. Both panels have a dark overlay with white and yellow text.

FLOOD WATCH

A Flood Watch is issued when **flooding is possible.**

Stay tuned to trusted news sources and be ready to seek higher ground.

Be Prepared.

FLOOD WARNING

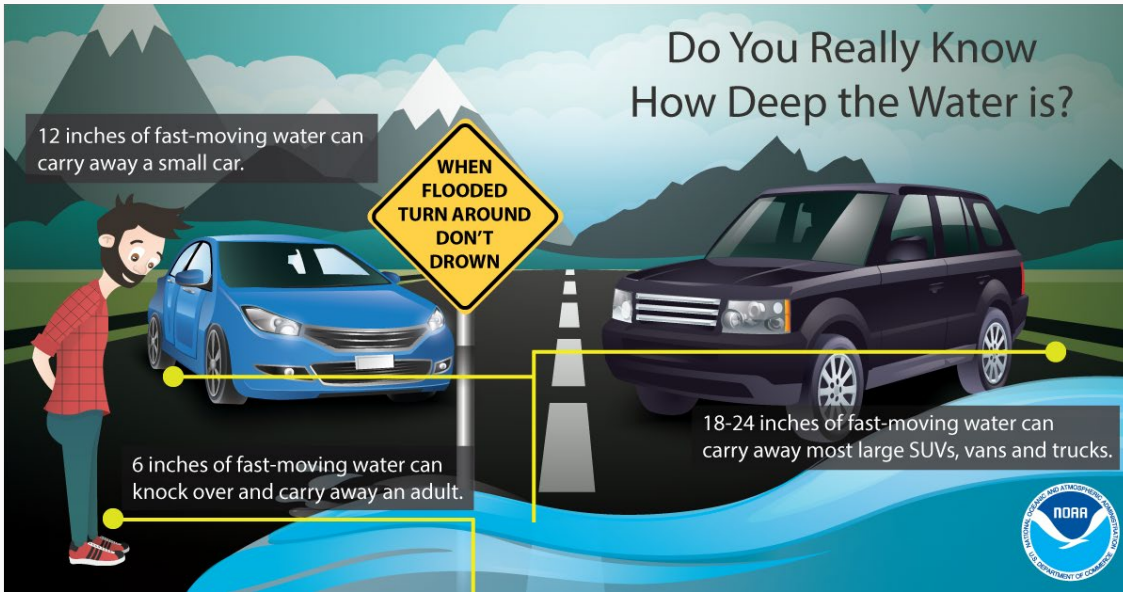
A Flood Warning is issued when **flooding is happening or about to happen.**

Move to higher ground immediately!
Never drive or walk through floodwaters.

Take Action!

 weather.gov

Atmospheric Rivers are expected, and this could cause flooding - Watch this short video:
[Atmospheric Rivers: What are they?](#)



Here is how you Fill and Place Sandbags:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-qQ0oE1kwM>

Madera County Sandbag Locations 2023

Below is the list of locations that have sand and sandbags available for residents depending on where they live. For all locations, you must bring your **own shovels**. The County has a limited supply of Sandbags. If you need additional sandbags, you can purchase them at a local hardware store. Some locations do not have sandbags. Please consult the table to see what locations have bags and which do not. Other locations may be opened on an "as needed" basis and will be announced through Madera County Emergency services.

Madera County Valley Locations:	Madera County Mountain Locations:	City of Chowchilla Locations:	Sand and Bags:
Madera County Rd 28 Complex X X Dirt Lot between Animal Control Shelter & Madera County Jail (14225 Rd 28, Madera CA 93638)	Madera County Fire Station #8 X X 47050 Rd 417 Coarsegold CA 93614 (559-683-8008)	Chowchilla Public Works Yard X 360 North 1 st St (at Sonoma Ave) Chowchilla CA 93610	Batterson Ranger Station X X 43060 HWY 41 Oakhurst CA
Madera County Fire Station #3 X 25950 Avenue 18 1/2 Madera CA 93638 (559-661-0507)	Cal Fire, Rancheria Fire Station X X 53488 Rd 200 North Fork CA 93643 (559-877-2322)	Chowchilla City Hall X 130 South 2 nd St Chowchilla CA 93610 (Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 4pm)	North Fork Ranger Station X X 57003 Rd 225 North Fork
Madera County Fire Station #19 X X 35141 Bonardelle Avenue Madera CA 93638 (559-645-1399)	Madera County Fire Station #12 X X X 48355 Liberty Drive Oakhurst CA 93644 (559-683-4808)	Chowchilla Police Department X 122 Trinity Ave Chowchilla CA 93610 (Hours: After City Hall Business Hours Only)	Parkwood Subdivision X X At sewer plant chain link fence located on Avenue 9
			Co-Gen Plant X X At the left side of gate entrance Firebaugh Blvd.
			East-Side Acres X X At Avenue 7 1/2 and Canal Street

SAND: X BAGS: X FILLING MACHINE: X

[Click here for up-to-date Sandbag Locations](#)

For information about the Madera County Flood Control and Water Conservation Agency

[Madera County Flood Control Page](#)

[Madera County Flood FAQs](#)

[Office of Emergency Services Sandbag Locations](#)

PRE-EVACUATION PREPARATION STEPS

When an evacuation is anticipated, follow these checklists (if time allows) to give your home the best chance of surviving a wildfire:

OUTSIDE

- 1 Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.) or place them in your pool.
- 2 Turn off propane tanks.
- 3 Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- 4 Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
- 5 Don't leave sprinklers on or water running; they can affect critical water pressure.
- 6 Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
- 7 Put your Emergency Supply Kit in your vehicle.
- 8 Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry your car keys with you.
- 9 Have a ladder available and place it at the corner of the house for firefighters to quickly access your roof.
- 10 Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- 11 Monitor your property and the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened and need to leave.
- 12 Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.

INSIDE THE HOUSE

- 13 Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- 14 Remove flammable window shades and curtains. Close metal shutters.
- 15 Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- 16 Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- 17 Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- 18 Shut off the air conditioning.

ANIMALS

- 19 Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- 20 Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED

WHILE IN YOUR VEHICLE:

- ◆ Stay calm.
- ◆ Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation.
- ◆ Close all vehicle windows and vents.
- ◆ Cover yourself with a wool or cotton blanket or jacket.
- ◆ Lie on vehicle floor.
- ◆ Use your cell phone to advise officials—**Call 911.**



WHILE ON FOOT:

- ◆ Stay calm.
- ◆ Go to an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression on level ground if possible.
- ◆ Lie face down and cover up your body.
- ◆ Use your cell phone to advise officials—**Call 911.**



WHILE IN YOUR HOME:

- ◆ Stay calm and keep your family together.
- ◆ **Call 911** and inform authorities of your location.
- ◆ Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.
- ◆ Keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked.
- ◆ Stay inside your house.
- ◆ Stay away from outside walls and windows.

