



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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MONTEREY PENINSULA-WIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR POTENTIAL WEATHER EVENT

Monterey County, CA. – The National Weather service has issued a red flag warning - a warning that another weather system is in the forecast that includes potential lightning storms. The warning for erratic winds, dry lightning, and possible thunderstorms is effective now through 5:00 PM, Monday, August 24 (*see graphic below*).

Fire and police departments in the cities of Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove, Seaside, and Marina, and other city and county resources, are fully staffed and prepared with coordinated plans to manage a potential weather situation on the peninsula. As always during similar events, throughout the day and upcoming night, Monterey Peninsula's public agencies are closely monitoring the weather events. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers are deployed or are available in Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel. We will continue to monitor and update the communities.

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Here's how you can help and what you can do to stay prepared and informed:

- Text your ZIP Code to 888777 or register at www.alertmontereycounty.org. Alerts as needed will continue through this system to keep you informed.
- For current fire information, call 2-1-1
- Report any incidents or potential fires to 9-1-1
- Listen to and follow all emergency notifications - See the links on how to prepare - www.co.monterey.ca.us/2020Fires
- Be Prepared / Stay Informed / Be Vigilant / **Know Your Neighbors** / Have a Plan / Build a Kit. Visit www.ready.gov/ to learn more.

RED FLAG WARNING

✓ **THREAT OF DRY THUNDERSTORMS SUNDAY-MONDAY**
✓ **POTENTIAL NEW FIRE STARTS FROM LIGHTNING AND GUSTY, ERRATIC WIND**

BE PREPARED, MONTEREY COUNTY!

✓ **BE INFORMED: SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS AT ALERTMONTEREYCOUNTY.ORG & TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO 888777 FOLLOW @MontereyCoOES, @NWSBayArea & @CityofMonterey ON TWITTER**

✓ **PACK A GO BAG**

✓ **MAKE A HOME EMERGENCY KIT**

✓ **MAKE A PLAN: WHAT IS MY SHELTER PLAN? EVACUATION ROUTE? FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD COMMUNICATIONS PLAN? PET NEEDS?**

Logos at the bottom include: Monterey County California, Monterey California, City of Pacific Grove CA, Del Norte by the Sea, Marina, Sand City, City of Del Rey Oaks, and City of Seaside California.

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