



Emergency Resources & News

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Assistance from the Chamber

If your business or you need information or assistance from the Chamber, please know we are here to help. Please call us if you are in need at (909) 866-4607 or email office@bigbearchamber.com.

Federal Emergency Declared

The President declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. Assistance was to begin March 9 and continuing. This action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating... [Read more.](#)

EDD Services for Employees

A State of Emergency for San Bernardino county began on March 1. The EDD has a variety of services for individuals affected by disasters in California, including waiving the waiting period for unemployment insurance benefits (UI), paid family leave (PFL) benefits, and extensions to file taxes. These benefits can provide financial assistance to families in need. Find more information on the [EDD's website](#). Contact the EDD [here](#).

Report Structural Property Damage

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District has created an online tool residents can use to report damage to their property. Damage assessment teams are having difficulty accessing some areas due to snow. The online Damage Assessment Tool allows home and business owners to report damage not noticeable from an exterior survey. Information collected through the survey will be shared with local, state, and federal agencies to assist with disaster relief. You may be contacted at your property by the County Damage Assessment Unit if your reported damage meets the reporting criteria. Please be advised this service will not generate an emergency response. [Access the online tool here.](#)

GIS Map of Current Snow Removal Status

The County continues to update the for the community at the [Snow Removal status website](#). Caltrans Crews continue to assist in these operations and provide resources to our partners.

County Reimbursement For Snow Removal

Paying someone to remove snow from private property can be expensive, especially in communities that saw up to 10 feet of snowfall. The County is using a portion of the \$10 million set aside by the Board of Supervisors to reimburse residents and businesses up to \$500 to help cover what they've spent on professional snow removal. There are some requirements, including the submission of photos of the completed work. File for reimbursement at the [Snow Removal Reimbursement website](#).

Get Sandbags

To help prepare property for rain that will continue on and off this week, the County Fire Department is offering a limited supply of free sandbags. Sandbags are available at these locations in Big Bear:

* City of Big Bear Lake Public Works Yard, 42040 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake

* Big Bear Fire Department, Station 282, 301 W Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear City



WEATHER ALERT

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HELPFUL TIPS

Please be advised that a moderate storm is forecasted to arrive in the coming days. It is recommended that you take necessary precautions to ensure your safety and minimize any potential damage to your property.



Extra water and non perishable foods



Plan your travel and check latest forecasts



Keep extra medicine & first aid supplies



Flashlight with extra batteries



Protect your property with sandbags



Rake roofs of existing snow



Beware of falling ice and snow



Clear snow adjacent to structures

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