

## February 2024 storm Update ARCHIVED

**Feb. 9, 8 a.m.:** Information about the storm event, resources and recovery support for residents can be found on the incident information page:

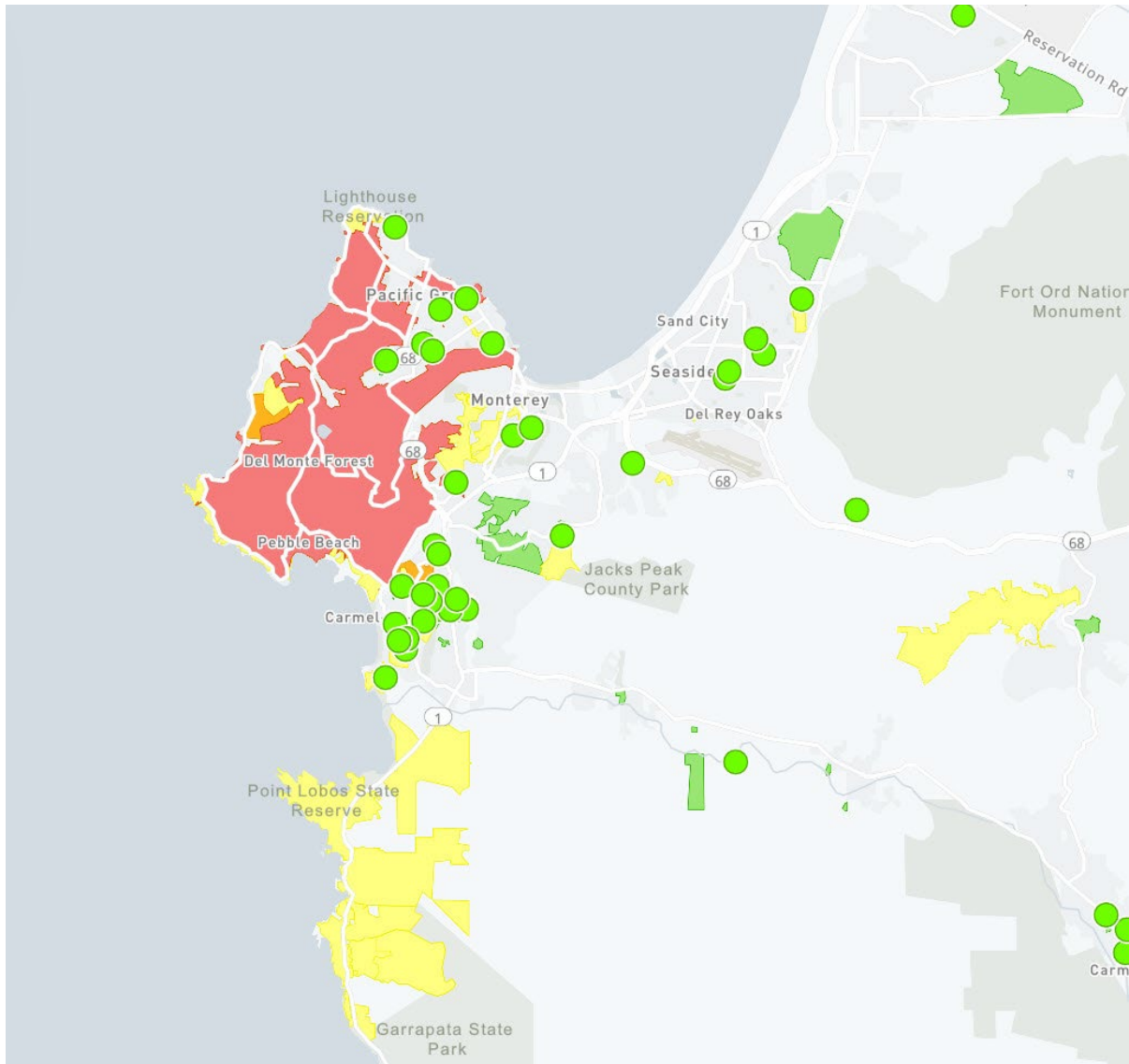
<https://readymontereycounty.org/emergency/2024-february-winter-storms>

**Feb. 8, 4 p.m.:** [Power is back for most residents!](#)

**Feb. 7, 8 a.m.:** Road status - Alameda still closed from Pacific to Munras; Mar Vista at Soledad Pl is open; Cuesta Vista at Mar Vista is open; Via Arboles in open

**Feb. 6, 2 p.m., Emergency Storm Response, by the numbers:** There were significant tree falls in the City of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula on Sunday, February 4. The City of Carmel appears to have been hit the worst, with the city addressing 70 fallen trees. In the City of Monterey, the Monterey Fire Department responded to 181 calls related to weather incidents from 8:30 AM on February 4 to 8:30 AM on February 5. Of those 181 calls, 130 were on February 4 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. From (9:00am-1:00pm there were 110 calls). Eight homes and two businesses were damaged by fallen trees: three homes were red-tagged (not safe to enter) and two homes were yellow-tagged (people can go inside, but unsafe for habitation). PG&E appears to have planned and carried out an extensive power restoration campaign but note that damage is extensive. The City of Monterey set up a generator and established a Resource Center at the Monterey Public Library in partnership with the County of Monterey as a warm location with Wi-Fi, charging stations for residents to charge electronic & medical devices, limited refrigeration for medications, water, and snacks. So far 500-600 people have used it.

**Feb. 6, 8 a.m.:** The [PG&E Outage Map](#) is looking much better, but there are still pockets of Monterey without power, and much of Pebble Beach and Carmel are without power. The map isn't updating completely - power at the Presidio of Monterey has been restored. **If you need to charge your phone the Monterey Public Library at 625 Pacific Street is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**



**Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m.:** [Current situational information, 2024 February Winter Storms](#) - at ReadyMontereyCounty.gov

Storm update, Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.: Here are some photos from Skyline Drive of storm damage. Please be careful out there as more trees can come down with the moist soil. If you need sandbags we have some next to Fire Station 11 on Pacific Street in Monterey. The Monterey Public Library is open today until 6pm, and will be open Tuesday, 2/6, 10am-6pm as a Resource Center in coordination with @MontereyCoDEM for a warm location, Wi-Fi, charging stations for residents to charge electronic & medical devices plus limited refrigeration for medications ONLY, water and snacks. When power is out street signals may be too. Treat an intersection with no power as a four way stop. Drive safe! PG&E is working

around the clock to restore power.

**Feb. 5, 8 a.m.:** [Monterey County Evacuation Map](#) - includes current streets closed in Monterey (updated throughout the day)

**Feb. 4, 6 p.m.:** Tomorrow, 2/5, the City of Monterey's [@montereylibrary](#), in coordination with [@MontereyCoDEM](#), is opening a resource center where Monterey County residents without power can come warm up, charge phones, and even enjoy a good book. Open 10am-6pm, 625 Pacific St.

**IS YOUR POWER OUT?**  
**Warm Up, Charge Up, Enjoy a Good Book**

CHARGE YOUR PHONE  
at the Monterey Public Library  
Resource Center  
625 Pacific Street  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
February 5

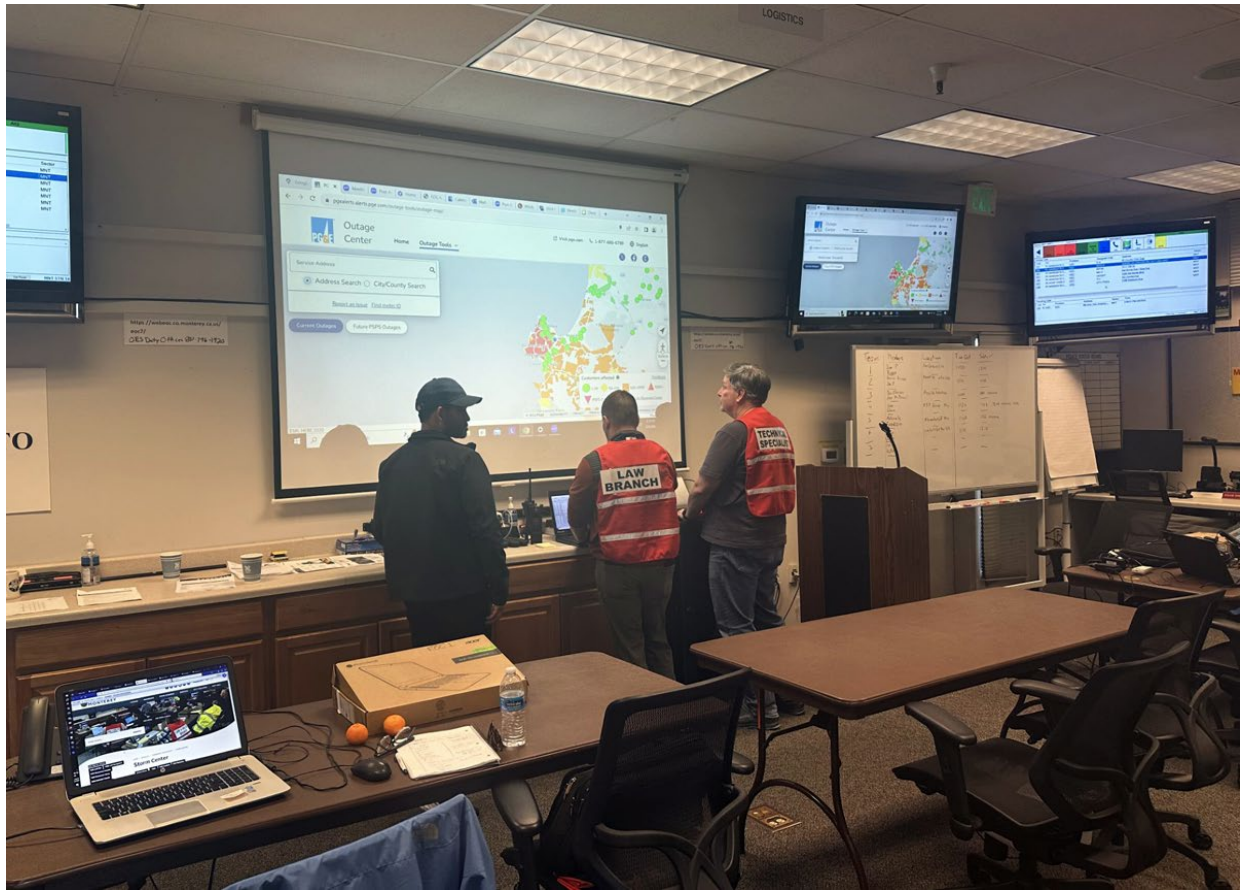
**Bring your own charger!**

Hosted by:

[monterey.org/stormcenter](#)

**Feb. 4, 4 p.m.:** Skyline, Josselyn Canyon, Cuesta Vista, and possibly a few other neighborhood streets in Monterey are still closed due to downed trees/power lines.

**Feb. 4, 3:20 p.m. update:** Monterey Fire reports 109 calls between 9am - 2pm. Fire, Police, Public Works & other emergency staff including CERT working around the clock on storm response. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) (photo below) activated for coordination to respond to the number of calls of downed trees & power lines, etc.



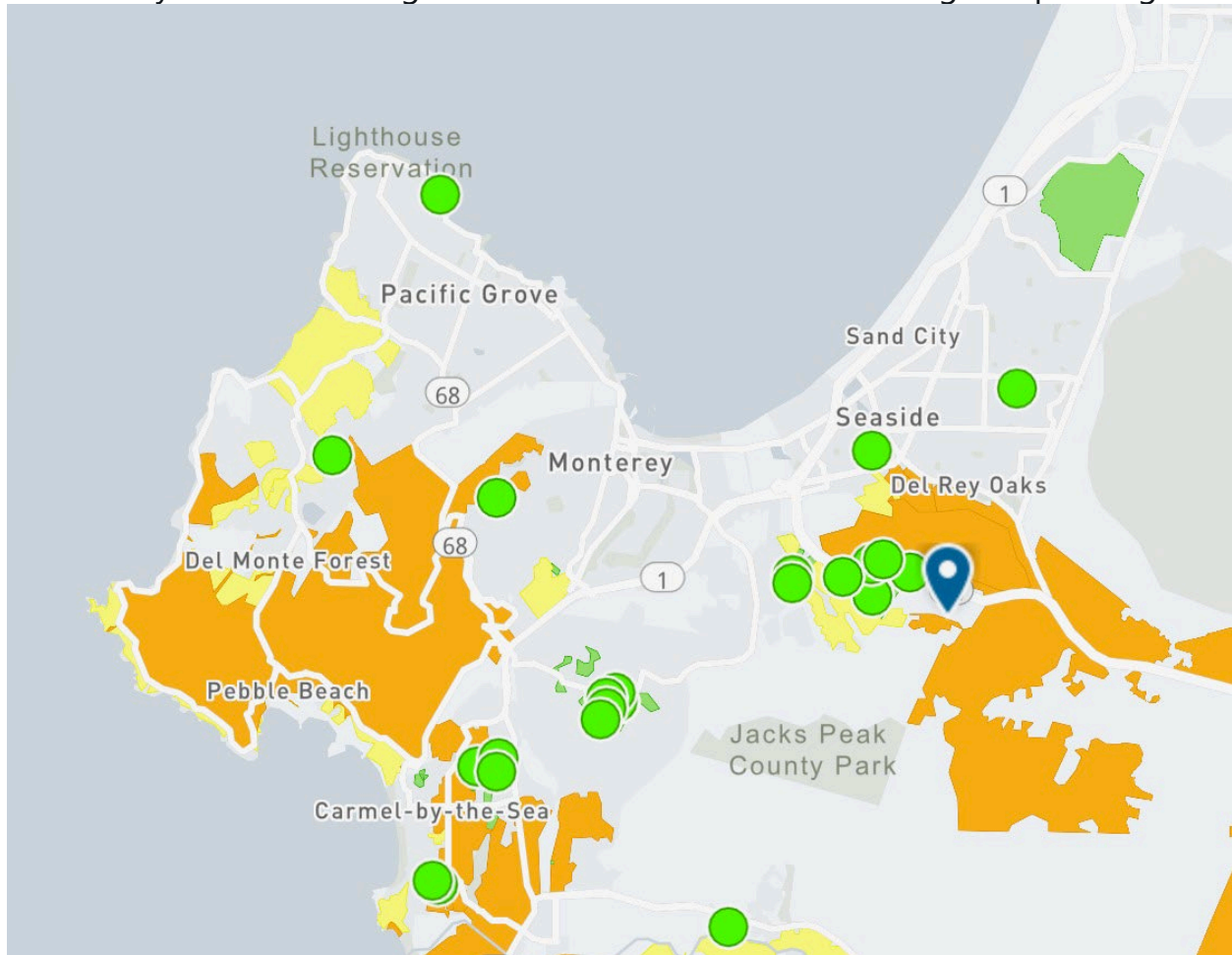
**Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m.:** Roads closed due to trees and power lines down - Del Monte heading to Seaside from El Estero to Sloat; Skyline Drive, and several neighborhood streets in Skyline, Monte Vista and New Monterey neighborhoods, and Veteran's Park, also Josselyn Canyon. With very wet soil and high winds, there is a good potential for more trees coming done. TAKE PRECAUTIONS - Do not walk outside near trees. Stay home and stay safe. While wind speeds will start to diminish, they are still strong until early Monday morning. City crews out in the field 24/7. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency or 831-646-3914 for non-emergencies in Monterey. At this time, we have no information about when power will be restored.

**Feb. 4, 1:40 p.m.:** City of Monterey crews out in full force, including CERT teams, to help with storm impacts. We are not through this one yet. Stay cautious. City emergency teams from many departments have been working 24/7 on storm response. We have opened the Emergency Operations Center at a level 3 activation. We are working together to identify and respond to impacts from trees down, power outages, damage to homes, travel hazards, and potential



flooding issues. We are keeping Twitter (X) and Facebook updated with latest storm news. Currently we are gathering a list of locations with major issues, and we will post more information soon.

**Feb. 4, 11:15 a.m.:** City of Monterey Streets crews assisting with traffic control for a tree down at Sloat and Del Monte, and Pearl and Third area. Highway one blocked by downed tree right before PG entrance. Power outages expanding.



**Feb. 4, 10 a.m.:** City of [Monterey](#) Fire, Police, and Public Works crews are busy managing storm impacts around Monterey. Emergency teams are monitoring conditions 24/7. Checking the @PGE4Me Outage Map and it looks like the 68 corridor between [Monterey](#) and Salinas has 500+ residents currently affected. Also parts of Pebble Beach and Carmel are currently without power.

<https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/outage-tools/outage-map>

**Feb. 4, 6 a.m. from National Weather Service (NWS):** Isolated severe thunderstorms are possible this afternoon and early evening. The best chance is for the South Bay and Central Coast. Locally damaging wind gusts and a tornado are possible. Make sure you have a way to receive possible warnings today!

**Storm prep tip posted on KSBW:** [Why you should always put a quarter on a frozen cup of water before storms](#)

**Feb. 4, 5 a.m. NWS:** Strong to damaging wind gusts are expected today \*especially\* for the Central Coast and in the hills. Please use \*extreme\* caution and prepare for potential power outages. [See PDF for more information](#)

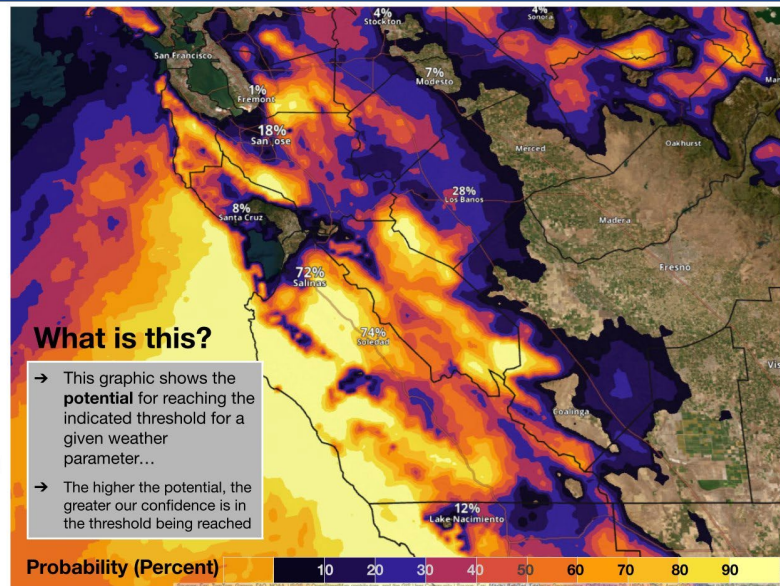


**Probability 60+ mph Wind Gusts Today**
Weather Forecast Office  
San Francisco Bay Area  
Sunday, February 4

- Strong to damaging wind gusts
- Medium to high potential (40-90%) for 60+ mph for much of Central Coast
- High risk for damaging wind; especially Santa Lucia Mountains and along Monterey Bay shore

**Impacts**

- Downed trees and power lines
- Unsecured objects may be blown around
- Difficulty driving high profile vehicles along the coast



**Feb 3, 9 p.m.:** Storm alert! The

[@NWSBayArea](#)

is reporting ocean conditions Sun. 2/4 are expected to be very dangerous.

Emergency personnel encourage to people stay away from beaches, ocean trails and ocean rocks during this period of unpredictable, strong waves.

**STORM SAFETY TIPS** 

Take steps to be prepared for storms and stay safe.

<p><b>Never touch downed wires.</b> Assume any downed power line is energized and extremely dangerous. Call 911 and PG&amp;E at 1-800-743-5002.</p> 	<p><b>Charge cell phones and laptops.</b> Prepare for power outages by charging cell phones and laptops. Have a backup power supply.</p> 	<p><b>Alternate plans for medicines or medical devices.</b> Have alternative plans in place for refrigerating medicines or power-dependent medical devices.</p> 
<p><b>Have fresh drinking water and ice.</b> Freeze containers filled with water and place in your refrigerator during an outage to prevent foods from spoiling.</p> 	<p><b>Use generators safely.</b> Standby electric generators should be properly installed by a licensed electrician and placed in a well-ventilated area.</p> 	<p><b>Use flashlights, not candles.</b> During a power outage, use battery-operated flashlights, not candles, due to risk of fire.</p> 

**Feb. 3, 11 a.m.:** A large storm system bringing wind/rain is forecast for late Sat., 2/3, through Sunday, 2/4, on the Monterey peninsula. Be storm ready Monterey. Stay away from downed power lines - Assume downed power lines are energized and dangerous. Stay away from the lines and keep others away from them. Call 9-1-1 immediately to report the location of a downed line. After reporting the downed line, call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. Prepare for power outages - Keep a battery-operated flashlight and radio within easy reach; Use safer LED candles; Plan for another way to communicate. Don't depend on a phone that requires electricity to communicate. Keep a standard handset or mobile phone ready as a backup; Store water-filled plastic containers in your freezer. You can use them as blocks of ice to prevent food from spoiling. Help a neighbor, or ask for help from a neighbor.