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## BIRD FLU: WHAT RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Governor Gavin Newsom declared a [State of Emergency](#) on Dec. 18, 2024, in response to the ongoing H5N1 Avian Influenza (bird flu) outbreak. The declaration is designed to help state agencies respond more effectively by streamlining resources and operations.

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is actively monitoring the bird flu situation locally and coordinating with state and federal agencies. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and follow precautions to protect themselves and their families.

### Prevention Tips:

- Avoid contact with wild birds: Even if birds appear healthy, they can carry the bird flu virus.
- Use protective equipment: If you work with animals potentially exposed to bird flu, wear N95 masks, gloves and eye protection.
- Get the flu vaccine: While the seasonal flu vaccine doesn't protect against bird flu, it can reduce the risk of severe illness and coinfection.
- Stick to pasteurized dairy products: Do not consume or handle raw milk or milk products from animals suspected to be infected. Do not feed pets raw milk products.

### How Bird Flu Spreads:

Human cases of bird flu are rare but can occur when someone has close contact with infected animals or contaminated surfaces. Farmworkers and others who work closely with poultry or dairy cattle are at higher risk. No person-to-person spread of bird flu has been detected in California.

- **HANDEL'S  
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CONCERT**

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### **Bird Flu in California:**

Bird flu is spreading globally through wild bird populations, with outbreaks reported in poultry and dairy herds in the U.S. While human cases remain extremely rare, California health officials continue to work with local agencies to monitor and control the spread.

Sacramento County Public Health will provide updates as new information becomes available.

For the latest details and daily updates, visit [CDPH's bird flu webpage](#).



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## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

Give your holiday tree the proper send-off and recycle it into a new life as beneficial mulch or compost – for free!

Requirements:

- Trees must have all tinsel, lights, decorations, nails and stands removed.
- Flocked trees are not accepted for recycling.
- Please ensure transported holiday trees are properly secured during transport.

### **Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, Free Mulching Event**

Residents can bring holiday trees to be mulched for free:

- SMUD Corporation Yard (For details, read the [December SMUD Connections newsletter](#))
- 6100 Folsom Blvd.

- 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY LOCATIONS**

Saturday, January 4 and Sunday, January 5, 2024

Rain or shine residents can recycle holiday trees for free at:

- Kiefer Landfill\* - 12701 Kiefer Blvd. (Jackson Hwy, north on Grant Line Road, right on Kiefer Blvd)
  - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- North Area Recovery Station\* - 4450 Roseville Rd. (Hwy 80, north on Watt Ave., left on Roseville Road)
  - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*\*Loads in excess of 5 trees must be issued a voucher for the trees to be accepted at no charge. Nonprofit civic groups and community organizations can obtain vouchers by submitting the [Annual Holiday Tree Recycling Program Application Form](#). For more information, email [SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov](mailto:SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov).*

### **OTHER LOCAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Residents can recycle holiday trees for free at:

- Elder Creek Recovery and Transfer Station
  - 8642 Elder Creek Rd (Jackson Hwy, south on Florin Perkins Rd., left on Elder Creek Rd.)
  - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station
  - 8491 Fruitridge Rd (Jackson Hwy, south on Florin Perkins Rd., right on Fruitridge Rd.)
  - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Also accepting trees Dec. 26 – Jan. 4, Monday - Saturday | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Folsom - Dan Russell Rodeo Arena Rodeo Park
  - Located at the end of Stafford St., next to the arena
  - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## **CURBSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION OF HOLIDAY TREES**

County residents with Department of Waste Management & Recycling curbside collection service can also recycle their live cut holiday tree (all tinsel, lights, decorations, nails and stands removed) by cutting it up and putting it loosely in the [curbside Organics cart](#). Please make sure the lid will close. The cart will be emptied on your next regularly scheduled Organics collection day.

Flocked trees can be cut up and placed loosely in the [curbside Garbage cart](#) for collection - ensure lid will close.

*Please do not put holiday trees on curbs or roadsides for curbside collection!*



**DROP OFF YOUR HOLIDAY TREE FOR FREE**  
**January 4 & 5, 2025**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY** **SacGreenTeam**  
Department of Waste Management & Recycling  
[SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com)

Give your holiday tree the proper send-off & have it recycled for FREE!

- Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, tree stands and nails
- Flocked trees not accepted for recycling

*- ALWAYS ENSURE LOADS ARE PROPERLY SECURED - IT'S THE LAW! -*

**FREE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

**Kiefer Landfill\***  
12701 Kiefer Blvd  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
January 4 and 5

**North Area Recovery Station\***  
4450 Roseville Road  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
January 4 and 5

**Elder Creek Recovery & Transfer Station**  
8642 Elder Creek Road  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
January 4 only

**SMUD Corporation Yard**  
6100 Folsom Blvd  
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
January 4 only

**Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station**  
8491 Fruitridge Road  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
January 4  
Also accepting trees Dec. 26 - Jan. 4,  
Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Dan Russell Rodeo Arena Rodeo Park**  
End of Stafford St., Folsom  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
January 4 only

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For info, email [SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov](mailto:SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov)

This year's program is coordinated by SMUD, Sacramento County, and the cities of Sacramento and Folsom

# REDUCING HURDLES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Sacramento County is taking steps to address the region's affordable housing crisis. The Board of Supervisors introduced an ordinance to amend sections of the Sacramento County Code relating to County impact fees for affordable housing projects, and a resolution was adopted to implement a **three-year Development Impact Fee Offset Program**.

This three-year pilot program is designed to reduce barriers to affordable housing construction by offsetting certain development impact fees for projects providing housing to low-income residents.

Sacramento County collects development impact fees to fund public infrastructure but acknowledges that these fees can sometimes be a barrier to affordable housing construction.

## **A little bit of background:**

On April 11, 2024, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to explore new and innovative financing mechanisms, including the potential use of up to \$10 million (\$5 million from the Affordable Housing Incentive General Fund Reserve and up to \$5 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Affordable Housing Ordinance Programs) to help fund a three-year pilot program to offset County development impact fees that are attributable to eligible Affordable Housing Projects.

On Sept. 24, 2024, the Community Development Department came before the Board of Supervisors to present two options for the establishment of a three-year pilot development impact fee offset program, and the Board chose the option that offsets fees for 100% affordable housing projects (up to 80% AMI), with a \$10,000 per unit cap. The average cost of County impact fees is estimated at \$4 million annually.

At that time, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to come back to introduce an ordinance amending relevant chapters of the Sacramento County Code to capture and implement their preferred option for the Offset Program. The recently introduced ordinance is set for adoption on Jan. 7, 2025. A status update on the pilot program will be given annually.



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## RIVER CITY FOOD BANK GROCERY BAG DRIVE

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, plastic shopping bags will be banned in California. [River City Food Bank provides food](#) to roughly 30,000 people per month, and clients are currently given plastic bags to transport their groceries. RCFB normally spends up to \$15,000 per year on plastic grocery bags to supplement the bag donations they receive. This money could be spent on additional food or for other administrative needs. Currently, RCFB is running out of single-use plastic grocery bags and is eager to transition to 100-percent reusable cloth or plastic shopping bags that won't be included in the ban.

Since most people have more reusable shopping bags than they'll ever need and businesses are often happy to donate reusable bags that are branded with their company name and logo, RCFB is seeking donations of new or lightly used, clean grocery bags (both plastic and cloth). [Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club](#) is leading the collection drive as their members are regular volunteers at RCFB and have witnessed the invaluable contribution the Food Bank is making to the local community.

Please ask your families, friends, coworkers, and any groups you belong to if they will contribute to this drive. Bags can be from your personal collection, or you can purchase bags from vendors or supermarkets. Altogether, RCFB needs nearly 100,000 reusable shopping bags before the ban takes place! In the meantime, RCFB is happy to use the heavy-duty plastic shopping bags that are normally sold for 10 cents each. These, too, are reusable although they will also be banned. When you have collected the number of bags you'd like to contribute, please call Bernie at 916-233-8910, and collection of the bags will be arranged.

Thank you for helping RCFB with this important effort!



**RIVER CITY  
FOOD BANK**

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## **RANCHO CORDOVA CALL FOR ART**

Calling all Rancho Cordova Artists! Art at City Hall's January Show, "Golden Age" will exhibit January 27 – April 18, 2025, and will be the organization's 50th show.

The "Golden Age" show will be less about the era of the golden age and more about the use of the color Gold. Using the color Gold can be tricky. Too much and your work can run the risk of gaudy. Too little and the work doesn't represent the theme of show. This theme will test your composition and color usage to create a balanced and esthetically pleasing artwork.

**Deadline to submit is January 17 at 11:59 pm**

Registration, criteria, important dates, and other information can be found on the [Art at City Hall website](#).



## TOT GRANT PROGRAM

The County Board of Supervisors intends to continue providing \$1 million through the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program to support nonprofit organizations located in Sacramento County in Fiscal Year 2025-26. For the last 8 years, the Board of Supervisors has awarded funds to organizations that carry out community-based programs and/or services in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development and health and human services. The County began setting aside funding for this purpose in 2017.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive process and applicants must meet [eligibility and funding requirements](#). Applications will be accepted online **beginning Jan. 13, 2025**, through the County's Office of Budget and Debt Management with a **deadline of Feb. 14, 2025**.

Funding for the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program comes from the revenue generated by the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). This tax is applied to individuals who stay in accommodations such as hotels, motels and other



temporary lodging options within the unincorporated areas of the County.

## **2025-26 TOT Grant Program Application Dates & Details:**

### **Application Period**

*Jan. 13, 2025 – Feb. 14, 2025*

- Applications are only accepted online through the [TOT Grant Portal](#) beginning Jan. 13, 2025, at 8 a.m.
- Application and requested materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2025.
- Late applications will not be accepted and incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Applicants will receive electronic receipt notification upon submission of the application.

### **Grant Workshop**

Jan. 28, 2025. 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Sacramento County invites interested nonprofit organizations to [register](#) for the 2025-26 TOT Grant. Workshop to review the following:

- Grant Program and Eligibility
- Insurance Requirements
- Application Questions
- Timeline and Submission Information
- Q & A's

### **Evaluation Timeline**

Feb. 18 – 21, 2025

County staff will review applications for completeness and compliance with minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants will be notified electronically if proposals do not meet the minimum qualifications and will not continue to the evaluation process.

March 3 – April 18, 2025

Subject Area Expert Panel Application Review: Subject area experts will review, evaluate, and rank qualifying applications.

April 30, 2025

TOT Board Review Committee: Board Review Committee to review recommendations of the Subject Area Expert Panel's

Recommendations and award District-directed grants based on input from Subject Area Experts.

### **Grantee Award Approval**

June 2025

Grant Program Hearing Notification: Applicants will receive an electronic notification of the schedule for the Board of Supervisors Hearing where recommended award selections will be made.

**The Board of Supervisors will make the final determination and approval for all TOT Grant Program recipients.**

County Budget & Debt Management staff will notify applicants of funding selections within 5 business days of Board Hearing approval. All notifications will be made electronically.

County Budget & Debt Management staff will draft and administer agreements between the County and grantees.

For more information about the grant program, visit the [TOT Grant Program website](#).



## **SACRAMENTO PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB GRANT PROGRAM**

Sacramento Perennial Plant Club (SPPC) promotes gardening and horticultural activities emphasizing education, service, or enhancement to the community.

SPPC is offering the 2025 Saul Wiseman Grants Program, which awards money to schools, nonprofits, and community-based organizations in Sacramento County and West Sacramento. Its purpose is to promote gardening and horticultural activities.

**The application is due by Jan 15, 2025.**

For more information about this program, visit the SPPC grants webpage.



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## **IMPACT100 GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR NONPROFITS**

IMPACT100 Greater Sacramento awards grants to nonprofits in our region for work in the following focus areas: Arts & Culture; Education; Environment, Preservation & Recreation; Family; and Health & Wellness.

Impact100 Greater Sacramento is an international organization that empowers women to become philanthropists who band together to benefit their local community.

**This grant application will be open from January 13, 2025, through March 22, 2025.**

For information about the grant process and membership questions, visit the [Impact100 Greater Sacramento](#) website.



## SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Sacramento Sheriff's Department, North Division, is hosting a series of community meetings. This is a great opportunity to get your concerns addressed in person. The dates and times are as follows:

### **Sheriff's Office Community Room**

- Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: 4510 Orange Grove, Sacramento, 95841

### **Country Club Lanes**

- Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: 2600 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821

### **American Legion Post 521**

- Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: 6700 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673

### **Divine Savior Catholic Church**

- Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662

### **Family Community Church**

- Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025
- Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 6331 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660

**JANUARY 2025**  
**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b> Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:00 PM 4510 Orange Grove Ave Sacramento, CA	<b>Country Club Lanes</b> Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 6 PM 2600 Watt Ave Sacramento, CA
<b>American Legion</b> Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6 PM 6700 8th Street Rio Linda CA	<b>Divine Savior Catholic Church</b> Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6 PM 9079 Greenback Lane Orangevale, CA
<b>Family Community Church</b> Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6 PM 6331 Watt Ave North Highlands, CA	

**HOSTED BY**  
**SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## WINTER STORMS

Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) is prepared to provide a quick response to flooded roadways and broken traffic signals. Even during severe storms, crews will respond twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to clear roadways, remove fallen trees, repair streetlights, fix traffic signal malfunctions and keep traffic moving safely. Flooded roads are monitored and closed when necessary. When roads are flooded, they are posted to the [SACDOT website at this link](#) to allow you to check routes for problem areas.

**We need your help, especially during bad weather conditions, to report roadway issues by calling 311 (or**

**875-4311) or [reporting online at the 311 website](#).** You can also report with the 311 app on your phone.

**Fallen Trees and Branches:** During severe weather conditions, crews may clear just the material in the roadway and move on to the next incident. Additional cleanup work is performed when crews have handled all incidents that require immediate attention. (Note trees or branches that fall on private roads or property are the responsibility of the property owner so please contact a private tree service for fallen trees or branches on your property)

**Flooded Roads:** Crews respond immediately to flooded roads and attempt to clear what is causing the problem right away. If the flooded road cannot be cleared, signage will be placed to close the road and maintenance crews will work to continue to clear the roadway.

**Plugged Culverts** (a tunnel carrying a stream or open drain under a road or railroad): If a culvert is plugged, SACDOT crews will flush the culvert until it's clear.

**Traffic Signals Out:** Technicians are dispatched immediately to make repairs to traffic signals that are out or malfunctioning.

**Downed Street Signs and Stop Signs:** Street signs will be replaced as soon as possible. Downed stop signs are a priority and SACDOT's goal is to have them back up within two hours of notification.

**Street Lights Out:** When reporting a problem, have the pole number or property address available. The pole number can be found on a sticker approximately 8 feet high, usually on the traffic side of the pole.

**Plugged Storm Drains** (a major cause for localized street flooding): Call 311, give the location and the Department of Water Resources will dispatch crews to remove leaves and/or other debris from the drain.

**Potholes: The number of potholes increases during winter weather, and DOT will prioritize their response to repair potholes based on safety and traffic impacts. Please report potholes any time of year by calling 311 or using the 311 website app.**

**Sandbag Sites:** If your property has a history of flooding, get sandbags in advance at Sacramento County's sandbag self-serve sites. Locations can be found online at the [Department of Water Resources website](#).

**If you encounter a downed power line, electrical sparking, or any other emergency that is a danger to yourself or others, please immediately call 911.** For any other power outages please report them or verify they are reported to **SMUD at 1-888-456-7683** or on [SMUD's website](#). For any **PG&E outages contact 1-800-743-5000** or report them on [PG&E's website](#).

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## **HANDEL'S MESSIAH CONCERT**

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will present an Epiphany Concert featuring two masterpieces: Handel's Messiah and Ramirez's Navidad Nuestra on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM in English and Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Spanish. This evening of music will be performed by the Cathedral Choir, Capella Antiqua, and the Sacramento Baroque Soloists.

The concert will take place in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament located at 1017 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.



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