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## Yolo County Launches New Alert Yolo Emergency Notification System

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is excited to announce the launch of Alert Yolo, a state-of-the-art, county-wide emergency notification system. This new system will serve all residents of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, as well as the unincorporated areas of Yolo County, ensuring they receive timely and accurate information during emergencies.

Lucas Frerichs, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, emphasized the value of this new system, stating, "We are thrilled to introduce Alert Yolo, a transformative step in our commitment to community safety. This state-of-the-art notification system ensures that every resident of Yolo County has direct access to vital information during emergencies. By signing up, you empower yourself and your loved ones to stay informed and be prepared."

Alert Yolo integrates with existing emergency notification systems used by Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Residents can sign up for alerts specific to their city or tribe.

"Signing up for Alert Yolo is a crucial step in enhancing our community's safety and preparedness," says Kristin Weivoda, Yolo County's Chief of Emergency Services. "This system bridges critical gaps in emergency communication by delivering alerts directly to your phone. By enrolling, you stay informed and play an active role in protecting yourself and your community. It's a straightforward yet powerful tool that ensures immediate access to essential information and updates during emergencies."

The county, cities, and tribe are proud to announce this significant enhancement to the community's notification system, reaffirming their commitment to keeping residents informed and safe. Plans are underway to expand the system to include an app, which will provide an additional channel for receiving emergency messages and staying up to date as to the latest developments in Yolo County. Ensuring that all community members can sign up for emergency messages without sharing personal information has been a top priority throughout this process. Additionally, the system will be useful in gathering valuable input on the community's needs. It is crucial to provide a range of options for signing up and receiving emergency messages as it allows for the development of a system that is specifically tailored to meet the unique requirements of Yolo County residents.

If you were previously registered for Yolo Alerts and indicated during the annual update message sent on September 16 that you wished to continue receiving emergency messages, your information will be transferred to the new Alert Yolo system. However, your old login and password will no longer work. You will need to create a new account and password on Alert Yolo to update or change your information.

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To register, residents can visit [www.AlertYolo.org](http://www.AlertYolo.org) or download the "Public Safety by Everbridge" app to sign up. During the registration process, residents can indicate any specific needs they or someone in their household may have, such as visual or auditory impairments, mobility issues, or transportation requirements.

Signing up for Alert Yolo and Community Registry messaging is essential for staying informed about emergencies. These systems are designed to keep residents informed, but it's important to recognize that they may not always be fully reliable, especially during severe weather events. Understanding these limitations enables you to make informed decisions and take proactive steps to prepare for emergencies or disasters, ensuring you and your loved ones stay safe. Being proactive and preparing before a disaster strikes is crucial.

Residents have the option to receive emergency alerts via SMS without the need to provide personal information. To sign up, simply text "YOLO" to 888-777 and follow the prompt to provide your zip code. You can unsubscribe at any time by replying "STOP." Please note that standard message and data rates may apply.

Important points to remember:

- Alert Yolo and the Community Registry are committed to providing timely and accurate information. However, please be aware that technical issues, network problems, or unforeseen circumstances may affect the delivery of alerts.
- Ensuring the community's safety requires more than relying solely on emergency alerts. Community members must take proactive measures to prepare for emergencies and disasters, regardless of whether they receive an alert. By doing so, individuals take control of their own safety and empower themselves to protect their well-being.
- Effective disaster preparedness involves more than just signing up for alerts. It is important for community members to create a personal emergency plan, assemble an emergency kit with essential supplies, and familiarize themselves with evacuation routes and local resources. Regularly reviewing and updating preparedness strategies is crucial for effectively addressing potential emergencies. For more information, please visit [www.YoloCounty.gov/OES](http://www.YoloCounty.gov/OES).
- By considering signing up for Alert Yolo services, you are taking proactive steps toward emergency preparedness. While this is a vital component of your safety plan, remember that it complements—rather than replaces—your personal responsibility for your own safety and well-being.

Taking proactive preparation steps can boost your readiness for emergencies and improve your chances of staying safe. Stay informed, be prepared, and join us in keeping our community safe with Alert Yolo.

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