

12/26/2022 3:45pm Rio Dell Update

Rio Dell Public Information Update:

**STORM NOTICE:** Due to earthquake damage in the City's wastewater collection pipes and at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, residents are requested to restrict water use during the rainy periods of the current and upcoming storm system.

**RIO DELL BUILDING INSPECTIONS:** Building inspectors with CalTrans are inspecting homes across Rio Dell until further notice. These inspectors come from Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Sacramento to do this important and necessary work over the holiday. **If you have not been inspected and you suspect structural damage, please call City Hall at 707-764-3532.** Leave a thorough message with your name, address and phone number if prompted to the messaging service.

If your residence has been tagged by building inspectors, follow the directions as listed on the tag. If you have any further questions regarding the tag placed on your residence, visit Rio Dell City Hall at 675 Wildwood Avenue or call directly at 707-764-3532. If you received a red or yellow tag on your residence and you are wanting to safely retrieve items, call the Rio Dell Fire Department directly at 707-506-5083. Do not remove tags until further notice.

Please refer to the attached document that explains red, yellow and green tags.

**WATER:** Water services are restored to 100% of all customer serving city lines. This water is still not potable and should be boiled before human consumption, including tooth brushing. Estimated time to officially end the Boil Water Notice is the morning of Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Remaining homes without water will have damage on the property owners side of the water system, or may have been directly shut off at the valve by a good samaritan as a precautionary measure in the immediate aftermath of the Earthquake. Call City Hall 707-765-3532 to request staff to check an individual line. Homes may also have air locks or debris in pipes. Clean your faucet filters and occasionally run water over the next few days (except during rainy periods with the current storm system). Open faucets at the highest elevation in the home to remove air locks. Water Production is not an issue.

**WELFARE CHECKS:** If requesting welfare checks for individuals who reside in the city limits of Rio Dell, contact the Rio Dell Police Department directly at (707) 764-5642.

**EARTHQUAKE DEBRIS DISPOSAL:** Rio Dell citizens may utilize the two dumpsters located outside of Rio Dell City Hall, 675 Wildwood Avenue, to dispose of earthquake debris. Please do not overfill the dumpsters or place debris outside of dumpsters. Please do not dispose of **electronic waste** or hazardous waste in these receptacles. Hazardous items not fit for disposal in these receptacles include leftover household products that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic as household hazardous waste. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them. More information regarding hazardous waste disposal can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw>

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES at Rio Dell Schools , 95 Center Street:**

(Available from 12:00pm to 3:00pm through Wednesday, December 28, 2022)

- Food services as available.
- Bottled water (amount depending on how many occupants per household)

**American Red Cross Overnight Shelter:** Located at Fireman's Pavilion at Rohner Park, located at 9 Park Street, Fortuna, CA

The Overnight Shelter will provide the following services:

- Shelter
- Cots and blankets
- Hygiene kits
- Snacks and full meals
- Water
- Charging stations
- Portable showers

**STAY INFORMED:** The most important thing you can do while the community recovers is to keep informed.

Subscribe to Rio Dell's Emergency Alerting System, Nixle. Text Rio Dell Zip Code **95562** to **888777**.

- Sign up to receive Humboldt County Emergency Alerts at: [humboldt.gov/alerts](http://humboldt.gov/alerts)
- Subscribe to OES news releases at: [humboldtsheriff.org/subscribe](http://humboldtsheriff.org/subscribe)

For updated information regarding the Humboldt County earthquake response, please go to [humboldtsheriff.org/emergency](http://humboldtsheriff.org/emergency) and visit @HumCoOES on Facebook and Twitter, or call 707-268-2500.



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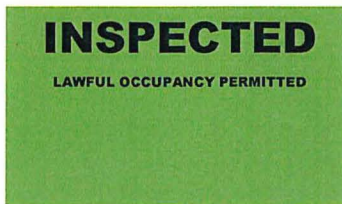
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# Rio Dell Earthquake – Resident Handout

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## What's this placard by my door mean?

The placards are a notice that your life is at threat from a probable aftershock earthquake. Even if you have only received a green placard, you should take action to protect yourself by relocating to a shelter or other safe structure.



Lawful occupancy is permitted. The structure has been inspected and no apparent structural hazard has been found.



Limited access only. In special cases inspectors have specified the use limitation on your placard. Follow the direction on the placard.



You should not occupy or enter your home until the threat of aftershocks has passed and the damage has been repaired.

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## What if I am unable to find alternative housing?

You may occupy your residence at your own risk. The Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services is operating a non-emergency line for welfare checks and other information: 707-268-2500. Check to see what housing services are being offered.

## How can I protect myself from future earthquakes?

The owner will need to hire a licensed contractor and/or a design professional to shore up damage done and protect against future earthquakes. The Earthquake Brace and Bolt website ([www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources)) is a good resource for this. Find premade plans for seismic retrofitting at ([www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources/Do-It-Yourself](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowner-Resources/Do-It-Yourself)).

## Who can I call to get in contact with licensed contractors and design professionals in Humboldt County?

The Humboldt Builders Exchange 2022 Referral Guide ([www.humbx.com/2022-referral-guide](http://www.humbx.com/2022-referral-guide)) contains a list of licensed contractors and design professionals in the area.