



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023

City of San Diego to Close Facilities, Parks and Beaches Due to Tropical Storm Warning

ALL CITY LIBRARIES, REC CENTERS, PARKS AND BEACHES WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY

SAN DIEGO – In response to the Tropical Storm Warning that has been issued by the National Weather Service for the San Diego region, the City of San Diego will be closing all public facilities – including parks and beaches – starting tomorrow, Sunday, Aug. 20, through Monday, Aug. 21. City facilities may reopen on Tuesday, Aug. 22, depending on the storm conditions.

Closures include:

- City <u>libraries</u>, <u>recreation centers</u> and pools.
- <u>Beaches</u>, regional and community <u>parks</u>, open space parks and <u>reservoir lakes</u>.
- Torrey Pines, Balboa and Mission Bay golf courses.
- City Administration building located at 202 C St. <u>Passport Services</u> will not be available in person on Monday, previously scheduled appointments will be rescheduled.

All City of San Diego online services will still be available on Monday, including Development Services Department <u>permitting services</u>.

Trash and recycling <u>collection services</u> scheduled for Monday, Aug. 21, may be delayed. Residents are encouraged to secure their bins and not place the bins out for collection until Monday, depending on weather conditions.

As of Saturday, Aug. 19, the City's <u>Inclement Weather Shelter Program</u> has been activated with four locations available for people experiencing homelessness.

The City's Stormwater Department has temporarily placed "no parking" signs in low-lying or flood-risk areas, especially crossings around the San Diego River. Crews will be tracking the storm and monitoring 15 pump stations and more than 46,000 storm drains citywide for any issues.

During the rains, multiple crews from the City's Storm Patrol will be actively monitoring areas throughout the city and responding to incidents, such as flooding and downed trees or branches.

San Diego residents can individually prepare for the storm and help reduce the risk of flooding near their homes and properties by taking a few simple steps:

- Sweep and pick up trash, leaves, grass clippings and other debris that collect around storm drains and curb gutters.
- Proactively turn off irrigation to save water and minimize runoff.
- Know the safest routes to and from your home or property should flooding occur.
- Do not open or lift manhole covers in the event of street flooding.

It is important for everyone to remember to slow down on the roads and do not drive, ride or walk through flood waters.

Residents can report impacts, such as flooding or downed trees, by using the <u>Get It Done</u> application or by calling 619-527-7500. If it is a life-threatening emergency, residents should call 911.

To follow updates on City services impacted by Hurricane Hilary, visit <u>sandiego.gov/storm</u>.

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