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## **City of San Diego Preparing for Storms and Offering Free Sandbags** BAGS AVAILABLE AT ONE RECREATION CENTER IN EACH COUNCIL

DISTRICT

SAN DIEGO – With rain in the forecast this week, the City of San Diego is making storm preparations and reminds city residents that free sandbags are available at one centrally located recreation center in each City Council District.

Sandbags are in limited supply. Residents with identification showing proof of residency can receive up to 10 **empty** sandbags. Sandbags are available anytime between **1 and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; and from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.** 

Sandbags are available at the following locations only:

Council District 1	Council District 6
Standley Recreation Center	North Clairemont Recreation Center
3585 Governor Drive, San Diego 92122	4421 Bannock Ave., San Diego 92117
Council District 2	Council District 7
Robb Athletic Field	Allied Gardens Recreation Center
2525 Bacon St., San Diego 92107	5155 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego 92120
Council District 3	Council District 8
Golden Hill Recreation Center	San Ysidro Community Activity Center
2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego 92102	179 Diza Road, San Diego 92173
Council District 4	Council District 9
Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center	City Heights Recreation Center
6401 Skyline Drive, San Diego 92114	4380 Landis St., San Diego 92105
Council District 5	
Scripps Ranch Recreation Center	
11454 Blue Cypress Drive, San Diego 92131	

City preparations for the impending rain are underway including placing "no parking signs" in low-lying and other flood prone areas, sweeping critical locations around drains and inlets that typically experience heavy debris build-up, monitoring storm drain locations and installing bypass pumps where the infrastructure may be overwhelmed by storm waters. During the rains, 15 crews from the City's Storm Patrol will be actively patrolling, monitoring areas in the city and responding to instances including temporary flooding and downed trees or tree branches.

Just as preparations are underway citywide, residents can individually prepare for the rains and help reduce the risk of flooding near their homes and properties by engaging in a few <u>simple steps</u>:

- Sweep and pick up trash, leaves, grass clippings and other debris that collects around the storm drains and curb gutters near your home.
- Keep the lid securely closed on trash and recycle bins when placing them out on the street for collection and place each bin approximately 2 to 3 feet away from the curb so as not to impede the storm water flowing on the street.
- Know the safest routes to and from your home or property should flooding occur.
- Slow down and do not drive, ride or walk through flood waters.

Residents can report events such as flooding or downed trees by using the <u>Get It Done</u> application or by calling 619-527-7500. As always, please call 9-1-1 in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

For more information and resources on how to prepare before the rains and what to do during and after the rains, please visit the <u>City's Storm Preparedness</u> page.

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