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City of San Diego Crews Working to Clear Streets, Remove Mud and Debris Ahead of More Rain

SANDBAGS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS CITYWIDE

SAN DIEGO – Today City of San Diego crews are continuing work to clear streets of mud and debris, and make necessary infrastructure repairs following last week's devastating rainstorm. So far, more than 1,443 tons of mud, debris, trash and bulky items have been removed from the areas impacted by flooding including Southcrest, Shelltown, Mountain View, Encanto and others.

Teams working with the City's Environmental Services Department are assisting with the removal and proper disposal of hazardous materials like paint, oil and batteries.

Heavy equipment has been deployed to clear storm debris from culverts along Chollas Creek. Yesterday, the City's Stormwater crews focused on the channels along 38th and Alpha streets in Southcrest, Beta and Birch streets, and between Akins and Imperial Avenues in Encanto. Emergency contractors continued work clearing seven channel locations near National and 33rd Street and Federal and Home avenues.

As rain is forecasted for Thursday, Feb. 1, residents in impacted areas are urged to prepare for more wet weather and make a plan to avoid low-lying areas in the event of another storm. Tips to prepare can be found at [Ready.gov/floods](https://www.ready.gov/floods).

For residents citywide, sand and empty sandbags will be available at [10 City recreation centers](#) Monday through Friday between 1 and 7 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring shovels to fill the bags themselves. For residents in communities that were severely impacted by flooding last week, pre-filled sandbags will be delivered to their neighborhoods.

A Local Assistance Center will be open this week at the Spring Valley Branch of the San Diego County Library, 836 Kempton St., Spring Valley, CA 91977. The center will provide resources for anyone impacted by the storm throughout San Diego County. Open hours will be Monday, Jan. 29, to Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information will be available on debris and household waste removal, erosion control, rebuilding permits and replacement of vital records, and more.

County and City teams will be conducting preliminary damage assessments over the next three days to determine potential state and federal disaster assistance. City of San Diego residents and businesses who experienced flooding during Monday's storm are encouraged to report their damage through the [County of San Diego's online survey](#).

Residents can stay up to date with the latest information on the City's website at sandiego.gov/storm

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