

Feb. 4, 2024

STORM PREPAREDNESS



Resources and Contact Information

In advance of the anticipated rain event forecast to begin on Monday, February 5 through Friday, February 9, the City of San Diego will be issuing an evacuation warning for communities impacted by the storm on January 22. An evacuation warning is voluntary, but should be taken seriously, as it could quickly turn into an evacuation order. If you feel unsafe, evacuate early. You do not need to wait for an evacuation warning or order to leave!

The City of San Diego recommends residents take precautions and follow safety procedures now in cases of flooding or storm-related damage.

PREPARE NOW

- **Prepare Your Home** – Flash floods can occur within minutes. If you have access to sandbags or other materials, use them to protect your home from flood waters if you have sufficient time to do so.
- **Prepare Your Family/Pets** – You may be evacuated, so pack in advance. Don't wait until the last moment to gather the essentials for yourself, your family and/or your pets.
- **Assemble an Emergency Kit** – It is good to practice have enough food, water and medicine on hand at all times to last you at least three days in the case of an emergency.
- **Charge Your Essential Electronics** – Make sure your cell phone and portable radios are all charged in case you lose power or need to evacuate. Also make sure you have back-up batteries on hand.
- **Sign up for AlertSanDiego by texting HELP to 98266** – You will get safety information delivered directly to your phone. The City of San Diego adopted the county-wide notification system to assist in the safe evacuation of area residents and businesses. If you registered with the City's previous emergency notification system (i.e. Reverse 911) before or on Jan. 22, 2009, your data is already loaded into the Alert San Diego system.

HOUSING RESOURCES

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) has implemented programs to provide emergency hotel placements for City of San Diego households. This program is intended to serve short-term housing needs until the County of San Diego emergency resources become available for longer-term housing. Residents in need of housing placement should provide their information to the SDHC, which is on-site at the Balboa Park Municipal Gym.

TEMPORARY SHELTER AT BALBOA PARK MUNICIPAL GYM

The City has established a **temporary shelter at the Municipal Gym in Balboa Park** (2111 Pan American Plaza, behind the Hall of Champions) to provide a safe, dry place for people to stay. This is a full-service shelter, including meals, showers and beds. Pets are welcome. The shelter will remain operational through the end of the week.

FREE TRANSPORTATION TO TEMPORARY SHELTER

The United Taxi Workers San Diego is helping impacted residents get to the temporary shelter at no charge. To schedule a ride, **call 619-280-4444** or download the Ride United (Passenger) application on your mobile phone. Residents seeking services should provide their pick-up location address and select "Balboa Park Municipal Gym" as their drop-off location.



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LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER – TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Please note that the City of San Diego's Local Assistance Center at the Mountain View Community Recreation Center located at the Mountain View Community Recreation Center (641 S. Boundary St., 92113) will be **closed on Monday, February 4** and likely **Tuesday, February 5**. Please monitor sandiego.gov/storm for updates.

SANDBAGS

On **Sunday, February 4** the Encanto Recreation Center and Mountain View Community Recreation Center will have **pre-filled sandbags** available for community members **until 9 p.m.** For residents citywide, sand and empty sandbags are available at 10 City recreation centers and two libraries at listed locations across the city as reflected on sandiego.gov/storm until 7 p.m..

Beginning **Monday, February 5, pre-filled sandbags** will **remain available** at the Encanto Recreation Center and Mountain View Community Recreation Center Monday and Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for residents in those communities. For a complete list of locations to receive sandbags, visit sandiego.gov/storm.

TRASH DISPOSAL

The City's Environmental Services Department will be **temporarily removing the large roll-off dumpsters in impacted areas during the storm**. Reminder household hazardous waste (e.g., light bulbs, paint, plaster, oil, batteries, etc.) is **not allowed in these dumpsters**. Residents can call **858-694-7000** to make an appointment to drop off these types of waste at the landfill HHW facility.

After the storms have passed, ESD will be **delivering new black, blue and green containers at no cost** in the impacted areas to those residents whose bins were either lost or damaged because of the storm. Residents can also request a replacement bin by calling **858-694-7000** or reporting it at sandiego.gov/get-it-done.



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