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Due to high surf conditions early this morning, the Ventura Police Department evacuated the few citizens who were on the Ventura Pier and closed it to the public at approximately 7:10am. The Pier sustained structural damage including four wooden piles, cross-bracings and handrails that were destroyed. City of Ventura Public Works staff are working with inspectors to evaluate the extent of damage, stabilize to prevent further damage and to assess repairs needed. The Pier will remain closed until determined it is safe to re-open.

High tides for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday mornings are expected to bring continued powerful waves from off-shore storms. The public is advised to avoid entering the ocean during the very dangerous high surf conditions, especially near the Pier and debris.

Restaurants on the Pier remain open for business.

One of the palm trees near Surfers' Point fell over and there continues to be erosion impacting the bike path and promenade. Visitors are advised to avoid the area until repairs are made.

Motorists are advised of possible road closures related to flooding and debris accumulation in the areas of Harbor Blvd., Sanjon Road, and the Pierpont lanes. Signage will alert motorists of road closures and detours.

Residents may pick up free sand and sandbags at the following City locations (please bring your shovel):

City of Ventura, Sanjon Maintenance Yard: 336 Sanjon Road

Ventura City Fire Station #1: 717 N. Ventura Avenue

Ventura City Fire Station #6: 10797 Darling Road (near Wells Road, across from Saticoy Golf Course)

For El Nino preparedness and flood information, including Weather Service links and other helpful tips, visit [www.ReadyVenturaCounty.org/elNino](http://www.ReadyVenturaCounty.org/elNino).

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