

CITY OF VENTURA
NEWS RELEASE

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February 2017 storm preparedness: free sand and sandbags available for city of Ventura residents

A significant winter storm is expected to bring gusty winds, high surf and intense rainfall with the potential to cause localized urban and street flooding throughout Ventura County. The National Weather Service anticipates the storm will start overnight Thursday, February 16 and last through the holiday weekend with peak rainfall to occur late Friday afternoon into the evening.

A Flash Flood Watch will be in effect Friday morning, February 17 through Saturday morning, February 18 when heavy rainfall rates up to 1 inch per hour are expected.

In the city of Ventura, motorists are advised to use caution and avoid these streets where flooding is likely to occur:

The intersection of S. Victoria Avenue and Olivas Park Drive
Harbor Blvd. between California Street and Sanjon Road
Harbor Blvd. between Spinnaker Drive and Beachmont Street (northbound lanes)
Foothill Road between Victoria Avenue and Hilltop Drive (possible mudflow area)

City of Ventura residents may pick up free sand and sandbags (while supplies last) at the following City locations (residents are asked to bring their own shovel):

City of Ventura, Sanjon Maintenance Yard: 336 Sanjon Road (public parking lot)
Ventura City Fire Station #1: 717 N. Ventura Avenue
Ventura City Fire Station #6: 10797 Darling Road (near Wells Road, across from the Saticoy Golf Course)

If necessary, the historic Ventura Pier will be closed as a public safety precaution. The public is advised to avoid entering the ocean during dangerous high surf conditions.

Community members are encouraged to stay informed about advisories and emergencies by:

Registering to receive emergency notifications from VC ALERT (www.vcalert.org).
Checking www.vcemergency.com for incident information, closures and evacuations.
Learning about emergency preparedness and flood information, including Weather Service links and other helpful tips, at www.ReadyVenturaCounty.org.

Visiting the National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov/losangeles.

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