

CITY OF VENTURA

NEWS RELEASE

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Storm Preparedness: Free Sand and Sandbags Available for City of Ventura Residents

Free sand and sandbags are available for City of Ventura residents (while supplies last) at the City of Ventura, Sanjon Maintenance Yard, 336 Sanjon Road in the public parking lot; residents should bring their own shovel.

The National Weather Service anticipates that a moderate storm system is expected to bring rain and the potential for minor flooding of low-lying areas in and near the recent Thomas fire burn areas late Wednesday, November 21 into Thursday morning.

In the aftermath of the Thomas Fire, the potential for flooding, debris flows, and erosion can greatly increase during winter storms. Homeowners should consult an erosion control professional for assistance. Residents can learn how to manage excessive hillside erosion and protect infrastructure from sedimentation/slides from areas impacted by the fire by visiting <https://www.readyventuracounty.org/>.

With the approach of winter storms, community members impacted by fire areas 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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