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REMINDER: Sand and Sandbags Available for Menifee Residents/Businesses

MENIFEE, CA- In anticipation of the next round of expected rain this week, the City of Menifee is reminding residents/businesses that it has set up three self-serve sandbag sites. When properly placed, sandbags may redirect water and debris to flow away from property, protecting investments made in the Menifee community.

Self-serve sandbag stations are open in the following locations:

Menifee Lakes Fire Station Station 76 29950 Menifee Road Menifee, CA 92586 7am-7pm	Quail Valley Fire Station Station 5 28971 Goetz Road Menifee, CA 92587 7am-7pm	Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) Public Works facility 27860 Bradley Road Menifee, CA 92586 7am-3pm
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Residents and property owners should bring their own gloves and shovels and be prepared to fill up to 10 sandbags per resident, unless there is a bigger flooding issue in which 50 sandbags per resident is allotted. Sandbags should only be filled halfway so that they are not too heavy to lift and can be stacked properly.

It is the responsibility of the property owners to protect their private property prior to storm events. In addition to obtaining sandbags at these locations, sandbags may also be purchased at local hardware stores and/or building supply stores. Some building supply stores will deliver filled sandbags with advance notice.

Here's a list of potentially life-saving tips for motorists and pedestrians during stormy weather and/or flooding:

- Avoid areas that are subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not cross flowing water on foot. Even six inches of flowing water can cause you to be swept away by strong currents.
- Turn around, don't drown! Do not drive over a flooded road. Flowing water may hide large holes or areas of washed away roadways. Watch



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for “Road flooded ahead” and “Road closed ahead” signs and take an alternate route.

- If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Do not "sightsee" in flooded areas. Do not enter blocked off/closed areas.
- Avoid unnecessary travel during times of heavy rain or flooding.
- Check the city’s website (www.cityofmenifee.us) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofmenifeeus) for road closure status. Use radio station 1640 or 1610 AM for emergency broadcasting system.
- Maintain an emergency kit and plan for any hazard that may impact you or your family.
- Residents are reminded that in cases of emergencies to please Dial 911.
- Check www.Rivcoready.org for additional preventative tips and information.

For additional information please contact the Public Works Department at (951) 672-6777.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 95,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California’s premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee’s business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community’s character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city’s strong financial position. Menifee’s growing family-oriented population values the city’s ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city’s strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state’s most promising new cities.*