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REMINDER: Sand and Sandbags Available for Menifee Residents

MENIFEE—As the rainy season begins, the City of Menifee would like to remind residents that it has four self-serve sandbag sites for residents and businesses. When properly placed, sandbags may redirect water and debris to flow away from your property, which can protect structures.

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

Menifee Fire Station 5	Menifee Fire Station 68	Menifee Fire Station 76	Public Works Maintenance Operations Center (MOC)
28971 Goetz Road	26020 Wickerd Road	29950 Menifee Road	27860 Bradley Road
Menifee, CA 92587	Menifee, CA 92584	Menifee, CA 92584	Menifee, CA 92586
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	M – Th: 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. F: 6:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Residents, property owners, and business owners should bring their own gloves and shovels and be prepared to fill up to 10 sandbags, unless there is a bigger flooding issue, in which 50 sandbags per resident are allotted. Sandbags should only be filled halfway so that they are not too heavy to lift and can be stacked properly. Please note that sand is subject to availability and may run out leading up to major storms.

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 advanced notice.

As the community prepares for rain over the next few months, here is 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 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 notifications.



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- Keep an emergency kit available and plan ahead for hazards that may impact you or your family.
- In cases of emergencies, please Dial 911.
- Check www.Rivcoready.org for additional prevention tips and information.

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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 97,000 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.*