

CITY OF OCEANSIDE  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**PREPARE AHEAD FOR RAIN STORMS**

Oceanside crews have been making storm preparations a priority. The clearing of storm drains is ongoing, and the City's emergency responders have plans in place and will be monitoring flood-prone areas. Public Works will continue to evaluate streets and remove debris from roads and storm drains when the next storm arrives, likely late Wednesday. The Water Utilities Department is ensuring that the City's water and sewer infrastructure is as prepared as possible for expected heavy rainfall, such as lowering the reservoir levels to ensure excess capacity.

Does your family or business have an emergency plan? Are you prepared for possible flooding?

- [Know your flood risk](#) and look into Flood Insurance
- If your home or business is flood prone, pick up sandbags now, *before* it rains. **Free sand and sandbags are offered to Oceanside residents at the City Operations Center at 4927 Oceanside Boulevard between 9-3 Monday-Friday.** Limit of 10 per resident, bring a shovel. Moody's Recycling at El Corazon at 3210 Oceanside Boulevard also has free sand and bags, or pre-filled sandbags for \$1.50 each.
- Learn what steps to take [before, during, and after a flood](#)
- Make a family [emergency plan](#)
- Build or restock your [emergency preparedness kit](#)
- Stay tuned to your [phone alerts](#), TV, or radio for weather updates
- If possible, stay off roads during heavy rain periods
- Never drive through a flooded area, turn around, don't drown

While we can't control forces of nature, we *can* work together to prepare and minimize risk and impact.

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