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City of Kingsville Preparing for Tropical Storm, Residents Urged to Remain Weather Aware & Prepare

KINGSVILLE, TX – The City of Kingsville is closely monitoring Tropical Depression Eight that is currently forecast to become a Tropical Storm Friday. This storm has the potential to cause heavy rainfall in our area with the heaviest rain potential occurring from Friday night through Sunday night. Tropical Storm force winds could also be a factor with sustained winds between 39 and 73 miles per hour.

Please take all precautions to prepare your family for this potentially hazardous weather event now. City staff recommends all citizens acquire the necessary supplies to include medication, food, water and batteries. If you decide to evacuate the area, please check for any COVID-19 travel restrictions in place at your destination. It's advised to make sure your vehicles have a full tank of gas and all cell phones fully charged. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is highly recommended you continue to send just one family member per household to shop for supplies and take only what your household requires. If you pack a go bag in case of evacuation, make sure you include face masks in your supplies.

In preparing your home for this storm, please secure all loose items. Make sure your property is cleared of any debris that could cause damage to your home or your neighbors' property. Also, bring all residential rollout trash receptacles in from the street. Public works will continue trash service through Friday and crews are working now to clear storm drains and pick up brush piles. In the event flooding occurs in the City of Kingsville, crews are prepared to barricade dangerous and water obstructed roadways. It is recommended citizens stay off the roads and at home during periods of heavy rainfall.

City of Kingsville Public Works crews will begin distributing sandbags to Kingsville residents Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the Kingsville Sanitation Department located at 1300 E. Corral Avenue. Proof of residency will be required, and each household is limited to 9 bags. Please only take what you need. Additionally, self-serve sand will be available in the Trash Off location along Avenue B and 6th Street. You must bring your own bags and shovels. Sand will be available at 8 a.m. until the supply is gone.

The City of Kingsville and Kleberg County Health Director Emilio Garcia is asking residents to make plans for their outdoor pets. It is recommended that you bring them inside for the duration of the weather event, if that is not possible, it is required that outdoor pets have shelter and water.

The City of Kingsville Emergency Operation Center is prepared to respond to this weather event and the watch phase has been upgraded to Readiness Condition 3. All city departments are preparing to respond to the potentially hazardous conditions this storm may cause. Emergency personnel will be staged in town in order to respond to emergency situations. If sustained winds reach 55 miles per hour, be advised, first responders cannot respond to calls for their safety and yours.

You may get the most up-to-date and accurate information on the official City of Kingsville Facebook page.

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