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Tropical Weather

South Padre Island, TX, July 5, 2024: Tropical weather will affect the Lower Texas Coast. The models continue to show heavy rain, tidal surges with a potential of tropical storm winds coming to South Padre Island as early as Sunday morning, July 7.

Community members are advised to use caution around areas prone to flooding during tropical weather and to secure any loose items outside. The tropical weather that is moving our way develops in stages and could intensify with little time to prepare.

Sandbags will continue to be available today until 5:00 p.m. with assistance of staff at the Public Works workshop on West Venus and Laguna Blvd. After 5:00 p.m., there will be self-bagging available at the same location.

- * Residents will be allowed **five** bags per property.
- * Businesses will be allowed **ten** bags per property.

At this time the City has advised all beach vendors that their equipment needs to be removed off the beach and secured no later than 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, due to potential storm surge. Construction companies in the area have been advised to secure all loose material and equipment as soon as practicable.

The City has its Emergency Management Operations Center fully operational which will be possibly staffed tomorrow. Our local officials and city personnel are participating in emergency management calls and networking with our weather services, county and state agencies.

Cameron county has issued a voluntary evacuation for high profile vehicles.

As a reminder all community members should have their own individual hurricane preparedness plan and should be actively monitoring hurricane Beryl.

Many use social media in the event of a disaster to let relatives and friends know they are safe. Social media provides the perfect platform to model preparedness actions for others. It is a great way to stay current with the City, state and national resources and warnings. Here are a few to make sure you are following:

- <u>www.myspi.org</u>
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/CityofSPI/</u>
- <u>http://www.redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast/local-chapters/harlingen</u>
- https://www.cameroncounty.us/emergency-management/