

## Parish of Ascension

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## **Ascension Providing Pre-Filled Sandbags Ahead of Storms**

Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment announced today that pre-filled sand bags are available for Ascension Parish residents and are located at various sites across the parish should the need arise from predicted rainfall from expected tropical weather.

Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Rachael Wilkinson said more than 40,000 pre-filled sand bags are available in C-Cans at the following locations:

- Prairieville Fire Department, 14517 LA-73, Prairieville
- 5th Ward Fire Department, 39110 LA-22, Darrow
- 7th District Fire Department Station 71,13432 Roddy Rd, Gonzales
- Butch Gore Memorial Park, 14550 Harry Savoy Rd., St. Amant
- Ascension Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, 13192 Airline Hwy., Gonzales
- Stevens Park, 4323 Cannon Road, Gonzales
- Donaldsonville DPW West, 725 Church Street, Donaldsonville
- Jackie Robinson Memorial Park, 35638 Coco Road, Geismar

The Department of Public Works will also have loose sand and bags at Galvez Lake Fire Department on Joe Sevario Rd. Residents need to bring their own shovels. Additional loose sand sites will be added as they are needed.

President Cointment is asking all residents to help by taking a look at their drainage ditches and culverts. If you see any items blocking the pathways, if you can, please remove them. Also, be mindful of any items that are in your yard that could end up creating a blockage in the drainage ditches, as these approaching storms may be accompanied with heavy winds. We appreciate the cooperation of all Residents as we prepare for these weather events.

Residents needing assistance should call The Citizens Service Center at 225-450-1200. Please register for the Everbridge Emergency Alert System when calling. Regular weather updates will be posted on the Parish and Emergency Preparedness Facebook pages.

DPW and Drainage personnel are on standby, and parish waterways are being monitored, said Cointment.