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Pre-Filled Sandbag Distribution Ahead of Tropical Disturbance

Ascension Parish, LA - Ascension Parish Government and the Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (APOHSEP) have activated pre-filled sandbag distribution sites in preparation for potential flooding due to a tropical disturbance expected to bring heavy rainfall beginning Thursday.

In response to the updated forecast — which now indicates the most significant risk for excessive rainfall has shifted earlier from Friday to Thursday — large metal seacans (storage containers) are being opened at eight locations across the parish to ensure residents have access to pre-filled sandbags. This effort is part of the parish's proactive flood mitigation measures.

"We are urging residents to take advantage of these sandbag sites now, while weather conditions are still favorable," said Parish President Clint Cointment. "Our goal is to keep residents safe and give them the tools they need to prepare their homes and property."

East Bank Sandbag Locations:

Southwood Park at 14318 Parkview Dr., Prairieville
Paula Park at 16470 Paillette Street, Prairieville
5th Ward Fire Dept. (Darrow) at 39110 LA-22, Darrow
Butch Gore Memorial Park at 14550 Harry Savoy Rd., St. Amant
A.P. Fire District (1) at 13192 Airline Hwy., Gonzales
Stevens Park at 4323 Cannon Road, Gonzales
Jackie Robinson Memorial Park at 35638 Coco Road, Geismar

West Bank Sandbag Location:

Corner of Church and Williams at 730 Church St., Donaldsonville

Residents are encouraged to take only what is needed to allow others the opportunity to protect their property as well. These locations are now open and self-serve. Please bring a shovel if needed.

Our teams are up and continuing to monitor the weather closely. As official reports for Ascension Parish come in, we will share them with the public. Residents with questions or who need assistance are encouraged to call our Emergency Operations Call Center at (225) 450-1200. The call center is fully staffed and working in tandem with our OEP team throughout the day.

For real-time updates, follow Ascension21 television, @AscensionParishGov and @APOHSEP on social media, or visit www.ascensionparish.net.