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PRESS RELEASE

City of Winter Park monitors Potential Tropical Cyclone 4 and begins sandbag distribution

WINTER PARK, FL (August 2, 2024) – All city departments are preparing for the impact of Potential Tropical Cyclone Four and are on standby. The city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is currently at Level 3 – Monitoring, and is ready for activation pending conditions of the storm. To reduce the chances of flooding caused by significant rainfall, the city is following its Flood Management Guide by inspecting/clearing outfalls and opening drain wells to lower ponds at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the Winter Park Racquet Club. In addition, the guide calls for the removal of:

- grass carp barriers
- risers at Lake Killarney
- top weir board from the Lake Bell outfall to allow for extra storage

In preparation for the inclement weather, city residents can pick up **sandbags**:

Date Saturday, August 3, from 8 a.m. to noon

Location (map attached)

• Rollins Softball Field Parking Lot | 452 Harper St. | enter site via Harper Street

Quantity (while supplies last)

- Limit of eight per resident or business owner within the city limits.
- Please bring a proof of residency driver's license, valid ID or utility bill statement.

Please be prepared for a Fill-It-Yourself model with the city providing shovels, bags and sand on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are physically unable to fill your sandbags, city staff will be available to assist those in need.

Stay informed: Official city resources

- Official Hurricane Guide > cityofwinterpark.org/hurricanes
- citEnews email service > cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews
- Facebook[®] > facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo (@WinterParkEmergencyInfo)
- X[®] > x.com/WinterParkFla (@winterparkfla)
- Nextdoor[®] > sign up at nextdoor.com
- Outreach > city's emergency alert system > sign up at cityofwinterpark.org/outreach

Other important resources

- Non-emergency information line 407-599-3494 (live upon EOC activation)
- MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org (live upon EOC activation)
- Electric utility power outages 1-877-811-8700
- Water & wastewater utilities outages 407-599-3219

