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Thursday is Last Day for Residents to Obtain Sandbags from City of Palmdale Maintenance Yard

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale will have sand and sandbags available for residents free of charge at the City's Maintenance Yard, located at 39110 3rd St. East, through this Thursday, Jan. 7. The Maintenance Yard is open from 7:30 am to 6 pm.

More than 50 tons of sand has been distributed to residents so far this winter.

Sandbags are also available at the following fire stations in Palmdale: Station #24, 1050 W. Rancho Vista Blvd. 661/273-2724; Station #131, 2629 E. Ave. S, 661/947-8700; Station #136, 3650 Bolz Ranch Rd., 661/267-7893; Station #37, 38318 E. Ninth St., 661/947-7244; and Station #93, 5624 E. Ave R, 661/533-8096. A complete list of fire station locations is available at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags/>.

Residents are also encouraged to stay informed about the coming "El Nino". "A good resource for storm information and tips is the Web site www.lacounty.gov/elnino," said Palmdale Communications Manager John Mlynar. "It provides storm-related resources including safety tips, weather forecasts, and information for homeowners affected by floods and mudslides. Additionally, visitors can find info guides, PSAs, and a dedicated Twitter feed of first responder agencies tweeting about this year's storms. It is mobile-friendly and can be instantly translated into 90 languages."

"We always encourage our residents to prepare for emergencies as we live in an area that is susceptible to earthquakes, fires and floods," Mlynar said. "In a major

disaster it may be several days before help arrives. Residents should set aside enough food, water and other necessities to 'shelter in place' for a minimum of three days.”

Other resources for disaster preparedness include www.ready.gov, www.antelopevalleycert.com, and www.redcross.org/ca/los-angeles.

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