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Memorandum

Date: January 23, 2017
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PW*
From: Reginald Harrison, Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications *R.H.*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Severe Weather Brochure**

The attached brochure, [Preparing for Emergencies: Severe Weather](#), provides helpful information and links to various websites with information to assist residents during severe weather. The brochure is also available electronically on the Disaster Preparedness website.

Additional information on other disaster preparedness topics is available on the City's Disaster Preparedness website at www.longbeach.gov/disasterpreparedness. Staff is available to discuss disaster preparedness programs at neighborhood and community meetings, upon request.

Please contact Reggie Harrison, Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Department, at (562) 570-9460 for additional information.

Attachment

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Prepare Now for Any Type of Emergency

There are things you can do right now to mitigate personal injury or loss of property as a result of an emergency.

BE INFORMED



Sign up for **AlertLongBeach** to receive alert notices about emerging or imminent emergencies via cell phone, text message and email. Monitor TV, radio, print and social media for important information in your area.

MAKE A PLAN



Make a plan with your family on how you would exit your residence or workplace under various scenarios. Predetermine a place to meet. Identify an out-of-area person to contact to inform of your well being. Practice your plan.

BUILD A KIT



It may take a while before first responders can arrive. Have an emergency kit readily available at home and work with supplies to ensure you and/or your family can be self-sustaining for at least five days.

BE PREPARED



Join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or Long Beach Search and Rescue. Take a CPR or first-aid course through the American Red Cross, or work with the Red Cross to "Map your Neighborhood" to identify risks and resources within your neighborhood.

Additional Information on Disaster Preparedness

Visit our website:

longbeach.gov/disasterpreparedness

Sand and Sand bags:

Sand and Sand bags are available at the following Fire Stations during rainy season:

- Station 7, 2295 Elm Street.
- Station 12, 1199 Artesia Blvd.
- Station 13, 2475 Adriatic Ave.
- Station 14, 5200 Eliot Street.

Sand is available at The Public Service Yard, 1651 San Francisco Ave. Sand bags are available at all Fire Stations.

Social Media Sites:

[twitter.com/@LongBeachDP](https://twitter.com/LongBeachDP)

[Instagram/ @longbeachdprep](https://www.instagram.com/longbeachdprep)

[facebook@LongBeachDisasterPreparedness](https://www.facebook.com/LongBeachDisasterPreparedness)

[youtube.com/user/LongBeachCityCA](https://www.youtube.com/user/LongBeachCityCA)

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Check local weather alerts for rain, wind, and surf hazard advisories

Before the Rain



- **Create an emergency supply kit.** Think about the resources you use on a daily basis and what you might need or do if they were not available.
- **Gather the basic supplies** needed for survival, food, water, and life sustaining items you require.
- **Remember the needs of pets** and/or service animals. Include food, water, and toys for pets in your kit.
- **Customize your kit** to fit any access, medical, dietary and cultural needs.

Around the House



- **Clean and repair home gutters** to prevent clogging which causes rainwater to back up and damage your roof and house.
- **Inspect the roof.** Look for loose or damaged shingles.
- **Look inside at ceilings and walls.** Any water damage could be an indication of roof leaks.
- **Trim trees and bushes next to the house.** Eliminate branches that can be weighed down with water or strike houses.
- **Make sure doors and windows are secure.** Install weatherstripping where necessary.
- **Report street flooding or downed trees by calling Public Works at 562-570-2700**

Sand bags: If you live in flood-prone areas. Have sand bags filled and ready to go before flooding happens.

- Obtain sand and sandbags from designated locations and always direct runoff away from the property.
- Sand is available at The Public Service Yard, 1651 San Francisco Ave.
- Sandbags are available at all Fire Stations.
- Sand and Sand bags are available at Select locations indicated on the back of this brochure.

During the Rain



- **Monitor local radio ,TV and Social Media** closely for weather conditions and updates.
- **Be prepared** to leave immediately if an evacuation is ordered.
- **Have alternate evacuation routes** out of your neighborhood.
- **Never touch a downed power line.** which can cause serious injury or death. Call 9-1-1 to report it.
- **Be alert and use caution when driving.** Roads may become blocked or closed due to hazards.
- **Do not try to cross flooded areas** and roads and never enter moving waters. **Turn Around - Don't Drown!**
- **If trapped in your vehicle, stay with it.** If possible, relocate to the hood or roof if water continues to rise.
- **Bring outdoor pets indoors** for the duration of the storm.

If Flooding Occurs



- **If flooding occurs,** go to higher ground and avoid areas subject to flooding.
- **Do not attempt to walk across flowing streams or drive through flooded roadways.**
- If you've come in contact with floodwaters, **wash your hands** with soap and disinfected water.

High Winds



Gusting winds can bring down trees, power lines and signs and turn unsecured objects into dangerous projectiles. If you are caught outside during high winds:

- **Take cover** next to a building or under a secure shelter.
- **Stand clear of roadways or train tracks,** as a gust may blow you into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
- **Use handrails where available** and avoid elevated areas such as roofs.

After the Storm



- **Follow local instructions regarding the safety of drinking water.** If in doubt, boil or purify water before drinking.
- **Avoid disaster areas.** Your presence could hamper rescue and other emergency operations, and you may be in danger.
- **Let your family know you are okay.**