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### **SPI issues voluntary evacuation for high-profile vehicles and recreational vehicles**

**South Padre Island, TX, Aug. 23, 2017:** The City of South Padre Island has issued a voluntary evacuation of high-profile vehicles and recreational vehicles (RVs). A Tropical Storm Watch has been issued for south Texas. Currently Tropical Depression Harvey is stationary in the Gulf of Mexico.

At this point, South Padre Island is expecting wind gusts up to 39 – 50 miles per hour and 2 – 5 inches of rain beginning as early as Thursday evening through Friday evening. Surge up into the dunes is anticipated, so the City is requiring the removal of all equipment from the beaches. Localized flooding is very possible.

"The most recent storm modeling showed a slight shift to the west," said Susan Guthrie, city manager. "I strongly urge residents to be fully prepared to evacuate if the storm should become a greater threat to the Island."

As a reminder, pick up of sandbags will also be available Thursday, Aug. 24 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents and business owners will need proof of residency:

- Picture identification or utility bill showing a local address.
- Bags will be available for pickup at the Public Works Workshop located at the corner of West Venus and Laguna Boulevard.
- Sand will be available at the Convention Center located at 7355 Padre Boulevard.
- Residents will be allowed five bags per property.
- Businesses will be allowed ten bags per property.

The site is "self-bagging," meaning the bags and sand are provided for free, but residents and businesses will need to bring shovels and fill their own bags.

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