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## Tropical storm warning issued for SPI

**South Padre Island, TX, Aug. 19, 2022:** A tropical disturbance will affect the Lower Texas Coast. Currently, the models continue to show this system increasing in strength and is expected to bring heavy rain with moderate winds to South Padre Island as early as tomorrow, Saturday, August 20.

This storm is expected to potentially cause coastal flooding, dangerous surf and rip currents, and beach erosion on South Padre Island. Community members are advised to use caution around areas prone to significant flooding during severe weather.

Sandbags will be available tomorrow, Saturday, August 20, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Public Works Workshop located at the corner of <u>West Venus and Laguna Boulevard.</u>

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.

- \* Residents will be allowed five bags per property.
- \* Businesses will be allowed **ten** bags per property.

Many use social media in the event of a disaster to let relatives and friends know they are safe. Social media provides the perfect platform to model preparedness actions for others. It is a great way to stay current with the City, state and national social media resources and warnings. Here are a few to make sure you are following:

- <u>www.myspi.org</u>
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas</u>
- <u>http://www.redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast/local-chapters/harlingen</u>
- https://www.cameroncounty.us/emergency-management/

Awareness and preparation can reduce the impact of hurricane disasters. Families, individuals, and businesses know their vulnerabilities and the actions to take to prepare and reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

Sign up for Swift911, the City's emergency notification system that sends out notifications directly to you via your home phone, cell phone and/or email, by going to <u>www.myspi.org</u>.

Hurricane Season is from June to November.

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