

# PRESS RELEASE



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Winter Storm Warning - UPDATE**

### **Heavy Rain and High Surf Predicted**

SEAL BEACH, CA. – The National Weather Service has updated the forecast for this weekend. The updated forecast includes damaging winds on Friday and Friday night, with sustained wind speeds of 40-60 mph. Rain will be heaviest on Friday night from 3:00pm to 5:00am. Rainfall rates are expected to be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch per hour, with a possible total of 3-5 inches of rain. Additionally, damaging surf along with gale force winds have potential to cause minor flooding on Saturday. Waves as high as 12 feet are possible and the high tide will be in the four foot range.

The combination of high surf and heavy rain may cause mild to moderate flooding in Seal Beach. The City of Seal Beach Marine Safety Department, Public Works Department and Police Department will be monitoring conditions throughout the rain event and responding appropriately as issues arise. Residents are encouraged to monitor the surf and weather conditions and take the necessary steps to protect themselves and their property. Secure outdoor furniture and other items and have a flashlight with fresh batteries ready in case of power outage.

The weather watches can be accessed at;

- [High Wind Watch in effect from February 17, 07:00 AM PST until February 18, 07:00 AM PST](#)
- [Flash Flood Watch in effect from February 17, 12:00 PM PST until February 18, 04:00 PM PST](#)

## Sandbagging Video

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and SBTV-3 have produced a short video that provides instruction on proper sandbagging techniques. The link is on the City of Seal Beach website at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-pfiSI37X8&feature=youtu.be>

The City of Seal Beach has established several locations where complimentary sand and empty sandbags are available for residents. The sandbag locations are;

- Marine Safety Headquarters – 888 Ocean Avenue
- The Naval Weapons Station, “Liberty Gate” - Seal Beach Bl. and Landing Ave.
- Fire Station 44 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Ave.
- Fire Station 48 - 3131 Northgate Road (at the 405 freeway)
- Arbor Park - 4665 Lampson Ave.
- Marina Park – First Street and Marina Avenue
- Seal Beach Public Works Yard (**sandbags only**) – 1776 Adolfo Lopez Dr.

## Emergency Notification Systems

AlertOC is a mass notification system used by the City of Seal Beach and Seal Beach Police Department to issue government related messages to residents and businesses. All residential and commercial landline phone numbers are a part of the AlertOC

system. AlertOC replaced the old “Reverse 911” system. Residents can register additional cell phone numbers, text numbers and e-mail addresses at [AlertOC.com](http://AlertOC.com).

Additionally, the City of Seal Beach uses the “NIXLE” communications system to send non-emergency messages. You can receive alerts from the City of Seal Beach by texting the zip code “90740” to “888777”. Doing this will enroll you in the NIXLE system and you will receive alerts and messages. Go to <http://www.nixle.com/> for more information.

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