



# PRESS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## HEAVY RAIN, WIND, SURF, AND COLD EXPECTED

SEAL BEACH, CA. – On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, the National Weather Service is reporting widespread strong, locally damaging winds tonight with increasing chances of precipitation overnight and widespread moderate to heavy precipitation later this week.

As we prepare for the upcoming storm events which have the potential to bring heavy wind, rains, and high surf, the City of Seal Beach wants to remind the community how to best prepare for significant storms.

The City of Seal Beach Marine Safety Department, Public Works Department and Police Department will be monitoring conditions throughout the duration of the storm event and will respond appropriately as issues arise. Residents are encouraged to monitor the surf and weather conditions and take steps to protect themselves and their property.

- Have pre-filled sandbags available for immediate use at your home.
- On nights before trash pick-up days, place trash cans on the curbs, not in gutter. If gutters fill with rushing water, they can knock over cans and carry garbage down to block storm drain entrances. Do not park cars in front of the trash cans, so they are accessible for collection.
- If possible, park your cars in your driveway rather than the street, to protect your engine and electronics. Engine up towards garage door is safest.
- Please, wait to drive in areas with flooding until floodwaters recede a bit. Driving on flooded streets cause wakes to form (even at fairly low speeds) and pushes water up onto parked cars and into garages.

- ❑ Monitor the Seal Beach Police Department social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) for information updates.
- ❑ If you see fallen trees or tree branches, call the Seal Beach Police Department non-emergency line at (562) 594-7232.

### **Sandbagging Locations**

The City of Seal Beach will establish several locations where complimentary sand and empty sandbags are available for residents. The sandbag locations are:

- ❑ Eighth Street Beach Parking Lot
- ❑ Fire Station 44 – 8th Street and Central Avenue
- ❑ Arbor Park - 4665 Lampson Avenue
- ❑ Marina Park – First Street and Marina Avenue

### **Emergency Notification System**

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).

To receive real time updates, the SBPD also encourages the public to sign up for Nixle Alerts. You can do this by visiting <https://www.nixle.com/> or texting your zip code to 888777.

Graphic courtesy of the California National Weather Service – San Diego.

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	Tue 2/21	Wed 2/22	Thu 2/23	Fri 2/24	Sat 2/25	Sun 2/26	Mon 2/27
<b>San Diego Marine</b> Out to 60 NM	Wind Hazardous Seas Showers	Wind Hazardous Seas Showers	Wind Showers	Wind Rain	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>Orange/San Diego Beaches</b> Including surf	Wind Late Showers Elevated Surf	Wind Showers Elevated Surf	Rain	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>San Diego Coast</b> San Diego, Oceanside	Wind Late Showers	Wind Showers	Rain	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>San Diego Valleys</b> Alpine, Escondido, Ramona	Wind Late Showers	Wind Rain/Snow Showers	Rain/Snow	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>San Diego County Mtns</b> Mt Laguna, Julian, Palomar Mt	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow	Rain/Snow Showers	PM Showers
<b>San Diego Deserts</b> Anza Borrego, Ocotillo Wells	Wind Late Showers	Wind Showers	Showers Wind	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	
<b>Orange County Coast</b> Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach	Wind Late Showers	Wind Showers	Rain	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>Orange County Inland</b> Anaheim, Irvine	Wind Late Showers	Wind Showers	Rain	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>Santa Ana Mountains</b> Silverado, Santiago Peak	Wind Late Showers	Wind Rain/Snow Showers	Rain/Snow Showers	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>Inland Empire</b> Ontario, Riverside	Wind Late Showers	Wind Rain/Snow Showers	Rain/Snow	Rain Wind	Rain	Showers	PM Showers
<b>Riverside County Mtns</b> Mt San Jacinto, Idyllwild	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow	Rain/Snow Showers	PM Showers
<b>Coachella Valley</b> Palm Springs, Indio	Wind Late	Wind	Wind Showers	Wind Showers	Showers	Showers	
<b>San Bernardino Mtns</b> Wrightwood, Big Bear	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow Wind	Rain/Snow	Rain/Snow Showers	PM Showers
<b>High Deserts</b> Victorville, Lucerne Valley	Wind Late	Wind	Wind Rain/Snow	Wind Showers	Showers	Showers	

Risk Levels

Little to None

Minor

Moderate

Major

Extreme