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## Huntington Beach Braces for Winter Storms

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In response to the potential severe weather, the City of Huntington Beach's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) will be activated to monitor the situation and coordinate any potential issues today at 10 a.m. Residents are encouraged to monitor City social media pages and receive up to date information at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/HBEmergency](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/HBEmergency). If you have not done so, register your cell phone and e-mail at [www.AlertOC.com](http://www.AlertOC.com) to receive important information in an emergency.

A High Surf advisory and Flood Watch have been issued today through Thursday. High Surf is predicted to be between 10 to 15 feet. Due to the large surf, hazardous rip currents, and potential water quality concerns from urban runoff into the ocean, swimming in the ocean is not recommended at this time. As always, check with a lifeguard before entering the water. A Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding along the OC coast. In the event of severe flooding don't try to cross water flowing above your knees. ["Turn Around Don't Drown"](#). If advised to evacuate, do so immediately and use travel routes recommended by local authorities.

Sandbags are available at the City Corporate Yard, 17371 Gothard Street, 7:30am – 4pm, Monday – Friday and at Magnolia Fire Station/Edison Community Center and Warner Fire Station 24 hours a day. For more information contact the Public Works Department at 714-960-8861. Sandbags can be purchased and delivered from Resource Building Materials, 7502 Warner Ave, for a fee. For more information and prices contact them directly at 714-842-1500.

Do not call 9-1-1 to report flooding in streets or other storm related issues. HBPD Officers will not provide traffic control at intersections. Use caution when approaching intersections with flooding or interoperable traffic signals.

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