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GLENDALE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MONITORING WEATHER, STAFF PREPARES FOR HEAVY RAINS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale’s Emergency Operations team is closely monitoring the weather forecast, and with potential thunderstorms forecast by the National Weather Service later this week, city staff is also preparing to mobilize resources for residents if necessary.

The Fire Department’s Emergency Operations Weather Watch Desk monitors weather data through various sources, including the Phoenix National Weather Service, the National Weather Service radar images, NOAA weather radios, as well as the current rainfall/streamflow data from the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. If Severe Weather Warnings (thunderstorm, high wind, flood, flash flood) are issued by the National Weather Service, city departments will be notified and if necessary, the Emergency Operations Center may be activated to coordinate information and support operations.

In the meantime city officials are urging residents to prepare, in the event that heavy rain deluges the area again.

Important safety reminders:

- Children need constant supervision around all bodies of water.
- Avoid moving water.
- If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, get out immediately and climb to higher ground. DO NOT attempt to push your car to higher ground as the ground underneath the surface may be unstable.
- Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways. Flood debris may also hide animals and broken bottles. Avoid walking or driving through it.
- If you must walk or drive in areas that have been flooded, stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.

Resources for residents:

- To report any downed trees and road hazards during regular business hours, call 623-930-2670. After 5 p.m. on a weekday and on weekends, call 602-582-6814.
- For residents needing special bulk-trash pick-up, call 623-930-2660.
- The city has established a hotline for residents to get additional information regarding storm or flood damage on their property, which is 623-930-2202.

- Sand and sand bags are available at the following locations: (please bring your own shovel)
 - Bonsall Park North, northeast corner of 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, next to the hockey rink
 - City of Glendale Community Center North: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
 - GFD Support Services: 7501 N.55th Ave.

Glendale 11 videos that residents may find helpful:

- Monsoon Safety Tips from Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick - <http://youtu.be/xN5UHrNlrEg>
- Segment from CBS 5-Glendale 11 partnership “Monsoon: Eye on the Storm” including interview with Glendale Police Chief Debora Black - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yZca_4nRlc

For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com and click on the Monsoon section on the home page. Glendale residents that subscribe to Cox Communications can also find updates on Glendale’s TV station, Glendale 11.

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