

State Emergency Service

Media Release



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Sandbags available for residents at risk of flooding

With minor flooding possible in the Mount Lofty Ranges this afternoon, the State Emergency Service (SES) has pre-positioned a further 4,000 empty sandbags for residents at risk of flooding at two SA Country Fire Service (CFS) brigades.

The two locations are:

- **Gumeracha CFS Brigade, Murray Street, Gumeracha, and**
- **Nuriootpa CFS Brigade, 8 Old Kapunda Road, Nuriootpa**

The two locations opened at 11am this morning. They are expected to remain open until 3pm today.

The 4000 sandbags are in addition to the 6,000 sandbags pre-positioned by the SES in the Mount Lofty Ranges yesterday afternoon.

Apart from the free empty sandbags, residents will also be able to pick up a leaflet explaining how to fill and lay the sandbags.

While sand is the best option to fill sandbags, garden soil can also be used if sand is not available.

A video on using sandbags can be found on the SES website <http://bit.ly/1TDPeZz>.

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- ensure loose items such as outdoor furniture, garden tools and children's play equipment (such as trampolines and cubby houses) are put away or secured
- park vehicles undercover and well away from trees
- be aware of the risk of high seas in and around jetties
- stay indoors and away from windows and skylights when weather conditions are severe
- stay away from fallen powerlines. Always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks on 13 13 66
- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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