

State Emergency Service

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SES provides update on sandbagging operations

The State Emergency Service (SES) along with some local councils, are continuing to provide the community with sandbags and sandbagging assistance for the current rain, wind and tidal surge event in the state.

Over the past 24 hours SES has provided in total over 3,000 sandbags to concerned residents from seven SES unit locations throughout the state. The majority of these sandbags were provided at the Port Adelaide Enfield council depot, where more than 25 tonnes of sand was used to fill about 2,000 bags.

The SES is still receiving calls for sandbags and is able to assist at a number of locations, these are:

- Noarlunga SES
Corner of Lindsay and Brian Roads
Lonsdale
- Tea Tree Gully SES
118 Tolley Road
St. Agnes
- Campbelltown SES
141 Montacute Road
Campbelltown
- And from the Port Adelaide/Enfield Council Depot at Willochra Street, Largs Bay

Residents are asked to bring their own shovels and to be prepared to fill the bags themselves as it is expected that the SES units will be providing assistance elsewhere.

Concerned residents in other councils who are seeking sandbags are asked to contact their local councils.

Currently the SES has responded to over 80 calls for assistance and is expecting many more throughout the afternoon and evening.

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- be aware of the high risk of high seas in and around jetties
- stay away from fallen powerlines. Always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks on 13 13 66
- park vehicles undercover and well away from trees
- stay indoors and away from windows and skylights when weather conditions are severe
- shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

For media enquires telephone the SES Media Line on (08) 8211 6176

For SES response in floods or storms telephone 132 500. If the matter is life threatening telephone 000
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