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SES distributing sandbags today in Mount Gambier

With more rain and wind expected to impact South Australia on Wednesday and Thursday, the State Emergency Service (SES) is distributing sandbags from its Mount Gambier unit

The unit is located on Jubilee Highway East, Mount Gambier. Sandbags will be available to the general public from 7pm through to 9pm.

SES personnel will be on-site at the location to provide information, including a leaflet, to residents about how to fill and lay sandbags.

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

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- do not drive, ride or walk through floodwater
- be vigilant on the roads. There may be a lot of water across roads and there may be trees that have fallen across major roads
- stay away from fallen powerlines. Always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks on 13 13 66
- monitor the Alert SA website or download the Alert SA app on to your phone for the latest emergency information from the SES and other agencies
- shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- keep a close eye on BoM weather reports and listen to your local radio for updates.

Flood and severe weather information is available on the SES website www.ses.sa.gov.au.

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