



**For Immediate Release**

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**City of Kingsville Preparing for Hurricane Beryl, Residents Urged to Remain Weather Aware & Prepare**

KINGSVILLE, TX – The City of Kingsville is closely monitoring Hurricane Beryl, the storm is currently forecasted to impact our region Sunday through Tuesday. Hurricane Beryl has the potential to cause heavy rainfall in our area with the heaviest rain potential occurring from Sunday through Monday. The National Weather Service is expecting Hurricane Beryl to hit the South Texas Coast as a tropical storm or Category 1 hurricane but asking residents to prepare for a Category 2 hurricane, with sustained winds up to 110 miles per hour.

Please take all precautions to prepare your family for this potentially hazardous weather event now. City staff recommends all citizens acquire the necessary supplies to include medication, food, water and batteries. It's advised to make sure your vehicles have a full tank of gas and all cell phones fully charged.

In preparing your home for this storm, please secure all loose items. Public Works recommends you secure your roll outs as residents are responsible for their replacement should they go missing during a weather event. Make sure your property is cleared of any debris that could cause damage to your home or your neighbors' property. Public works will evaluate trash service Monday as rain at the landfill could potentially cause a delay in service. Crews are working now to clear storm drains and pick up brush piles. In the event flooding occurs in the City of Kingsville, crews are staging barricades in areas where dangerous and water obstructed roadways are prone to occur. It is recommended citizens stay off the roads and at home during periods of heavy rainfall.

The City of Kingsville will provide sand for self-serve sandbags at 6<sup>th</sup> and Avenue B beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Public Works crews will also distribute sandbags to Kingsville residents Friday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. at the Kingsville Sanitation Department located at 1300 E. Corral Avenue. Proof of residency will be required, and each household is limited to 6 bags. Please only take what you need. This service is available while supplies last.

Additionally, Kleberg County crews will be distributing sandbags Friday at noon at Kleberg County Precinct 1 at 1910 E Trant Road, Precinct 3 at 433 East County Road 2310 and Precinct 4 at 622 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Sandbags will be available while supplies last.

Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid has issued a voluntary evacuation for Loyola Beach, Baffin Bay and all low lying areas across Kleberg County. FEMA Domes at HM King High School will be open beginning Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> for anyone needing a safer space from the storm. To request transportation assistance, call (361) 455-8686.

Judge Madrid announced the JK Northway RV grounds will be made available free of charge RV residents residing near the cost on RV campsites for the duration of this weather event. The stables behind the JK Northway will also serve as a shelter for livestock that must be evacuated. Contact Frank Escobedo, the Kleberg County Extension Agent at (361) 595-8566 to coordinate.

The City of Kingsville Health Director Emilio Garcia is asking residents to make plans for their outdoor pets. It is recommended that you bring them inside for the duration of the weather event, if that is not possible, it is required that outdoor pets have shelter and water.

The City of Kingsville Emergency Operation Center is opening Friday in preparation for this weather event and the watch phase will be upgraded to Readiness Condition 2. All city departments are preparing to respond to the potentially hazardous conditions this storm may cause. Emergency personnel will be staged in town in order to respond to emergency situations. If sustained winds reach 55 miles per hour, be advised, first responders cannot respond to calls for their safety and yours.

You may get the most up-to-date and accurate information on the official City of Kingsville Facebook page. Media may direct inquiries to Janine Reyes, City of Kingsville EOC PIO at (361) 455-5946.

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