

Friday, July 24, 2015

Dear residents and business owners,

We wanted to share with you with some important information as you begin to work through the recovery process, following the destructive storm this past weekend, July 18-19. We know this has been a challenging time for many, and we wanted to make sure you know about the options available for assistance and resources.

Here is a summary of the latest:

Free Debris Drop Off

The County Department of Public Works is offering **free debris drop off at these three locations every day from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. through Sunday, Aug. 23:** (map attached)

1. Downtown Ramona-Olive Street (east of Maple Street intersection)
2. Ramona Country Estates-dead end of Gunn Stage Road
3. Ramona Country Estates-dead end of San Vicente Road (past Barona Mesa Road)

Two dumpsters will be available at each site, one for non-hazardous construction, demolition and household materials such as drywall, flooring and furniture, and another for loose soil, mud, silt and rocks.

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of at the County of San Diego Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 324 Maple St., Ramona. It is open bi-weekly on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Aug. 1, 15 and 29 and Sept. 12 and 26) (More info available in attachment)

The County's debris removal service provider will also cycle through impacted areas to collect mud, silt and rocks in front of residential properties requiring assistance with removal. Please notify Michael Khoury of the County's Dept. of Public Works if you have placed mud/silt in front of your property that you need collected. His contact info: 858-694-3097 or Michael.khoury@sdcounty.ca.gov. (More info available in attachment)

Road Clearing and Repair Work

County Road Crews have been working continuously to clear Ramona area roads impacted by the flooding. Although the main roads have been cleared, cleanup and clearing work will continue until all public roads are restored to full operation.

Please report streets in need of debris removal by notifying the County Dept. of Public Works via:

1. Phone. Call the Ramona DPW Road Station at 760-787-3312
2. Online. Submit a Road Service Request Form at:
<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/roads/onlineroadservicerequestform.html>

Nonprofits You Can Call

The American Red Cross and Salvation Army have been actively assisting residents with their personal and clean-up needs. The **American Red Cross** can be reached at **858-309-1338**. The **Salvation Army** can

be reached at **619-231-6000**. Other local services, additional resources or debris removal assistance information may be available by calling **2-1-1 San Diego (Dial 2-1-1 on your phone)**.

Sandbags Available

The public can pick up sandbags at no cost 24 hours a day at:

Ramona Fire Station 82
3410 Dye Rd.
Ramona, CA 92065

Phone number: 760-788-2269

Potential Small Business Administration Loans

The County Office of Emergency Services is gathering damage reports to determine if we are eligible for a federal Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration, which would open up eligible residents and business owners who are underinsured or uninsured to receive low interest loans. If we meet the damage threshold collectively as a county, we should be eligible for the SBA Disaster Declaration. This process may take several weeks. Please visit www.sdcountyrecovery.com to fill out a damage report, in order to be eligible. Residents and business owners that may be eligible for SBA assistance do not have to wait to begin cleaning up and rebuilding to maintain eligibility, it's just important that they document both the damages and their costs.

What the CA State of Emergency Means

The State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in several counties this week, including ours. What does this mean? The proclamation seeks federal funds to repair highways damaged in the storm, but does not provide assistance for homeowners or businesses.

What's Required for Federal Assistance

The storm last weekend hit the Ramona area hard, but it did not impact enough households statewide to meet the threshold for a Presidentially Declared disaster. Without that, FEMA will not provide direct assistance or aid.

The County will continue to do everything it can to assist those who sustained damage in the storm last weekend. Visit www.sdcountyrecovery.com for the latest information and resources available or please reach out to us at the County Office of Emergency Services at oes@sdcounty.ca.gov or 858-565-3490 if you have additional questions or need information.

Thanks so much,

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