



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-135**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *AW*  
**DATE:** May 5, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **2026 Sandbag Distribution Program**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide the City Commission with an update regarding this year's distribution of sandbags.

The enhanced Sandbag Distribution Program has proven to be an effective initiative to help Fort Lauderdale residents prepare for severe weather events. To assist residents in preparing for the 2026 hurricane season and to mitigate potential flooding and storm damage, the City of Fort Lauderdale will once again implement a monthly, staffed sandbag distribution program for City residents.

The distributions will be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday and Sunday of each month from May through November, beginning on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the following City locations:

- Floyd Hull Stadium, 2800 SW 8 Avenue;
- George English Park, 1101 Bayview Drive;
- Holiday Park, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive;
- Mills Pond Park, 2201 NW 9 Avenue; and
- Riverland Park, 950 SW 27 Avenue.

City of Fort Lauderdale residents will be eligible to receive five (5) pre-filled sandbags per vehicle, while supplies last.

In addition to the staffed activations, the City will also offer daily self-fill sandbag opportunities. Starting on May 16, 2026, residents who bring their own shovels and sandbags can help themselves to sand every day from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Floyd Hull Stadium and Mills Pond Park, providing everyone with flexible access to sand throughout the hurricane season. By offering both staffed and self-service distribution options, the program continues to enhance community preparedness and resilience during the 2026 hurricane season.

For further information, please contact Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Director, at or [cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov) or (954) 828-5804.

Attachment:

1. Sandbag Distribution Flyer

c: Shari L. McCartney, City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Manager's Office  
Department Directors



CITY OF  
**FORT  
LAUDERDALE**

# FREE Sandbags for Residents

**Third Saturday and Sunday  
of every month**

**May through November  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

May 16&17 | June 20&21 | July 18&19 | August 15&16  
September 19&20 | October 17&18 | November 21&22

**2026  
KICK-OFF  
MAY 16&17**

**Let's Get  
Storm-Ready  
FTL!**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is here to help you prepare for the rainy and hurricane seasons. Sandbags will be available for residents at the following locations:

### **Distribution Sites**

- Floyd Hull / Morton Center  
2800 SW 8th Ave.
- George English Park  
1101 Bayview Dr.
- Holiday Park  
1150 G. Harold Martin Dr.
- Mills Pond Park  
2201 NW 9th Ave.
- Riverland Park  
950 SW 27th Ave.

### **Distribution Details**

- Prefilled sandbags provided  
(5 bags per vehicle)
- Fort Lauderdale residents only
- Proof of residency required
- While supplies last

### **More information:**

- [fortlauderdale.gov/stormready](http://fortlauderdale.gov/stormready)
- Questions? Call 954-828-8000



**See reverse side  
for a detailed map  
of each of the sites.**





# Sand Distribution Sites

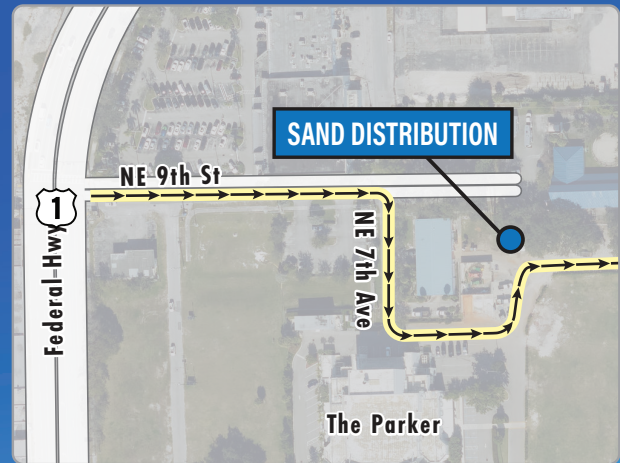
**Floyd Hull / Morton Center**  
2800 SW 8th Ave.



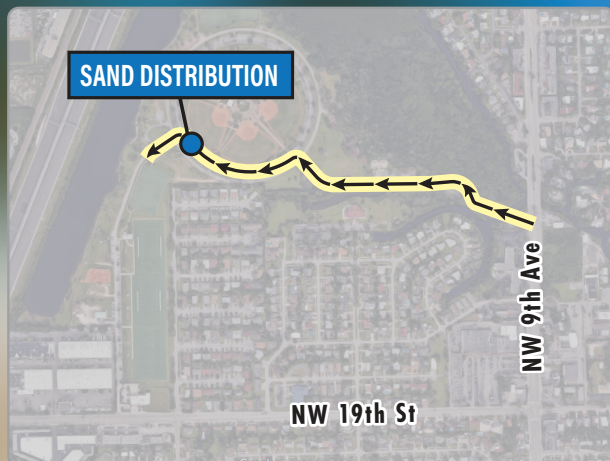
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