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Slidell opens Sandbag Locations in preparation for Tropical Depression 5

City officials are taking precautionary measures to minimize the impact of Tropical Depression 5, which is currently in the Gulf of New Mexico. While at present, minimal effect is anticipated, sandbag locations will be opened to provide residents and businesses in flood-prone areas an opportunity to take necessary measures to protect their properties. All pump stations will be monitored throughout the storm.

Two sandbag distribution sites will be open today from 2 to 10 p.m.: near the Tennis Courts located on at Cleveland Avenue off Sgt. Alfred Drive and on Lee Street, which intersects Pontchartrain Drive at the intersection near Carey Street. Up to 20 bags will be distributed per resident or business.

“While reports indicate that this will not evolve into a major storm, we still want to encourage citizens to remain informed throughout the storm’s progression,” said Slidell Mayor Freddy Drennan. “We’re providing our citizens will an array of informative tools that help make that possible, for this and all emergencies.”

To that end, the city has established a Twitter account specifically dedicated to Emergency Updates. Through this site, you can opt to receive information via your cell phone and/or email, or you can simply visit the Twitter page. Sign up at www.twitter.com/SlidellSOS. Additionally, updates are posted on city's website as soon as they are available. Citizens are encouraged to print out a copy of the city's Emergency Information form, which features a wallet-sized card listing emergency news sources. That form is available at <http://www.slidell.la.us/files/hurricaneinfosheet2010.pdf>.

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