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Media Release

From: Emergency Operations Center
Subject: Sandbag Availability Notification
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Hernando County Emergency Management continues to monitor the development of Tropical Depression 9 in the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 225 miles southwest of Cedar Key. The National Hurricane Center is forecasting this depression to strengthen into a tropical storm later today. **A tropical storm warning is currently in effect for Hernando County.** A tropical storm warning means sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are expected due to a tropical storm within 36 hours. **A hurricane watch is also in effect for Hernando County.** A hurricane watch is issued when sustained winds of 74 mph or higher associated with a hurricane are possible within 48 hours.

Residents who live in low lying areas are encouraged to monitor the weather closely, and to consider making preparations to protect their property. If needed, sand and sandbags may be purchased at local home improvement stores. In addition, a limited supply will also be available to residents starting today, Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at the following locations:

- Hernando Beach Water Tower
4500 Shoal Line Boulevard Hernando Beach, FL 34607
- Hernando County Fire Station #1
1479 Parker Avenue Spring Hill, FL 34606
- Hernando County Department of Public Works
1525 East Jefferson Street Brooksville, FL 34601

Sand and sandbags will be available until 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own shovel to use.

If you are in need of information about flooding or protective measures, contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management at (352) 754-4083 or email eoc@hernandosheriff.org.

Additional information is available in the Hernando County Flood Handbook on our webpage at: <http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em/publications/PDF/FloodHandbook.pdf>