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## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Friday, September 10, 2021

### **Hidalgo County Precinct 1 distributes free sandbags to rural residents, distribution begins today and continues through Saturday**

**MERCEDES** – Due to the potential inclement weather in our area, Hidalgo County Precinct1 Commissioner David L. Fuentes is distributing sandbags free of charge to rural residents.

The latest weather forecast includes scattered thunderstorms with a 60% chance of rain beginning on Saturday, Sept 11 for Hidalgo County. Residents in low-lying and poor drainage areas are encouraged to prepare and take action to protect their property and families. Residents can call the county hotline for assistance at 956-292-7765.

Below are the sandbag distribution sites for each day. Precinct 1 encourages residents to bring a shovel and gloves in case they need to fill their own bags.

#### **PRECINCT 1 on Friday:**

- Pct. 1 Operations Facility: Sunrise Hill Park at 5230 Mile 11 N. Mercedes, TX
- Friday, September 10 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Information: 956-968-8733
- Drive-thru pick-up
- Limit: 6 sandbags per vehicle

#### **PRECINCT 1 on Saturday:**

- Pct. 1 Operations Facility: Sunrise Hill Park at 5230 Mile 11 N. Mercedes, TX
- Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Information: 956-968-8733
- Limit: 6 sandbags per vehicle

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#### **ATTACHMENT: Event Flyers**

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