For Immediate Release

Sandbags Available to County Residents

Charles County Government is offering sandbags for county residents who need them to protect property. Sandbags may be picked up beginning at 1 p.m. today at the Charles County Department of Emergency Services building (10425 Audie Lane, off of Radio Station Road, La Plata). The bags will be located to the right of the building near the bays. There is a limit of 20 bags per resident.

The Charles County Department of Public Facilities has a large mound of sand available in the parking lot at Laurel Springs Park (Radio Station Road, La Plata). Residents are responsible for picking up empty sandbags at the Dept. of Emergency Services building, transporting the bags to Laurel Springs Park, and filling the bags with sand. Residents should bring a shovel to fill the bags. No shovels or other tools will be provided.

Residents are advised to tune in to local radio and television news stations for emergency alerts and actions. Updated information is also available at www.CharlesCounty.org or Charles County Government cable television (Comcast channel 95 and Verizon channel 10).

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