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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Visalia Prepares for Additional Thunderstorms

The City of Visalia is closely monitoring the weather forecasts and the potential for additional thunderstorms today and tomorrow. City departments are reviewing their staffing to ensure that we have adequate resources available to handle the impacts from potential thunderstorms. The City has made sand and sandbags available at our Corporation Yard at 335 N. Cain St. The sand and bags are located on Cain Street, between Goshen Ave and Main Street, on the west side of the road, just north of the Corporation Yard gates. Residents are advised to bring their own shovel to fill the sandbags.

Thunderstorms can be very dangerous and we recommend that residents follow the warnings that are issued by the National Weather Service. If lightning is present with the storms, you should seek shelter and not be out in the open. Yesterday we had numerous lightning down strikes in Visalia, which created a very dangerous situation. The city's emergency response personnel will monitor the storm's progress and respond as needed to affected areas. Water in the streets is to be expected during heavy rains. Motorists are encouraged to drive slowly through areas where water has accumulated. For additional information, please contact the Visalia Fire Department at 713-4266, the Emergency Preparedness Hotline at 713-4600, or for flooding concerns call 713-4403.

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