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Press Release

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City of Miami Beach Declares State of Emergency Due to Flooding

— A flood watch is in effect through Friday evening —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach has declared a [State of Emergency](#) as additional rounds of rain showers, thunderstorms and flooding conditions in Miami Beach are expected to continue with a flood watch in effect through the evening of Friday, June 14.

“The safety of our residents, businesses and visitors is of the utmost importance” said Miami Beach Interim City Manager Rickelle Williams. “Our city remains fully operational and city staff is working diligently to mitigate flooding as much as possible.”

PARKING

Due to the continued potential of heavy rainfall through the weekend, the **Miami Beach Parking Department has opened nine public garages for all residents wishing to keep their cars out of flood-prone areas.** The garages at the Miami Beach Convention Center (1901 Convention Center Drive), 5 Street & Alton Road (550 Lenox Avenue), and City Hall (1755 Meridian Avenue) are not included.

Residents may park vehicles at no cost through Monday, June 17, 2024 at 10 a.m. Proof of residency when exiting the parking facility is required. Non-residents/employees may use any city parking garage, however, standard rates still apply.

SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Drive-through sandbag distribution sites will be located on the surface parking lots at 2111 Collins Avenue and 225 79 Street today, June 13 and tomorrow, June 14 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m.

These locations have a machine that fills sandbags and there is a limit of **4 per household.** Residents are required to show proof of residency via a government-issued ID or utility bill.

CITY FACILITIES

Miami Beach City Hall remains open. At this time, there are also NO closures at any parks, recreational centers or summer camps, with the exception of both municipal golf courses that are closed until further notice.

The Building Department's North Beach Annex Office located at 962 Normandy Drive is closed today, June 13 due to water intrusion. During this temporary closure, please visit our main office at City Hall — 1700 Convention Center Drive, Second Floor. For more information, please call Customer Service at 305.673.7610.

DECREASE WATER CONSUMPTION

The city is encouraging residents to help minimize impacts to our wastewater system by decreasing water use to the extent possible during heavy rains, including:

- Limiting the amount of toilet flushing.
- Abstaining from running dishwashers and washing machines.
- Taking shorter showers and using less water in the bathtub.
- Turning off water sprinklers.

TRASH PICKUP

Waste Connections, the city's residential service provider, has suspended their operations today, June 13 in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

Waste Management will continue to service multifamily and commercial customers as scheduled.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works team is out in the community responding to reports of flooding as quickly as possible. In addition to our existing stormwater infrastructure, which includes 48 permanent pump stations, Public Works has temporary pumps deployed in low-lying areas.

REPORT FLOODING

Residents and businesses are encouraged to report flooding that obstructs access or causes damage to public or private property through the [Miami Beach Gov app](#), by calling 305.673.7625 or emailing flooding@miamibeachfl.gov.

For updated information, visit www.miamibeachfl.gov/stormready.

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