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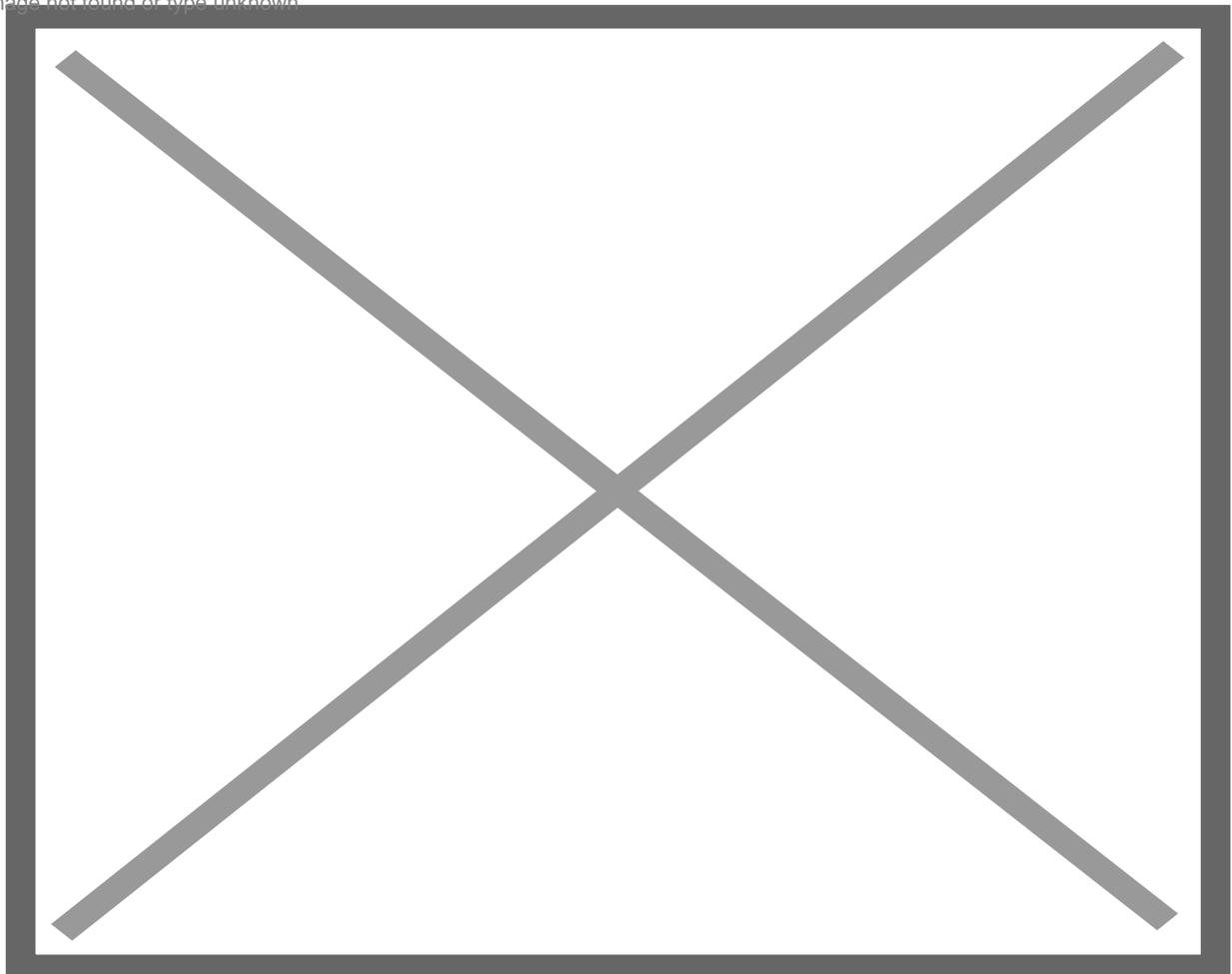
# Sandbag Deliveries Announced for Seniors and Physically-Challenged Amidst Developing Tropical System

**Bryan administration mobilizes VITEMA, VIFEMS, and VIDPW to support vulnerable residents with sandbag deliveries as a potential tropical depression approaches the Northern Leeward Islands and Greater Antilles**

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**NHC's latest graphical tropical weather outlook. By. NHC**

In a collaborative effort, the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), VI Fire & Emergency Medical Services (VIFEMS), and the VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) will begin distributing sandbags to homebound, physically challenged, and senior residents

throughout the territory, Government House has announced. This initiative will take place on Thursday, August 1st, and Friday, August 2nd.

Special care home delivery will be available to eligible seniors and disabled residents who live alone, are unable to pick up sandbags, and are registered with the VI Department of Human Services' Emergency Assistance Senior/Disabled Registry.

Eligible residents who need the six sandbags delivered are asked to contact the following hotline numbers from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29th, and Tuesday, July 30th:

- St. Thomas/St. John: (340) 715-6935
- St. Croix: (340) 713-6825

If the numbers above are busy, residents can call the ADA coordinator's office at (340) 998-3571.

In related news, the National Hurricane Center in Miami has issued a Tropical Weather Outlook as of 200 a.m on Sunday. According to the report, an area of disturbed weather over the central tropical Atlantic Ocean is expected to interact with an approaching tropical wave during the next several days. Environmental conditions are forecast to become conducive for some development in a day or two, and a tropical depression could form around midweek while the system is near or over the northern Leeward Islands, Greater Antilles, or the southwestern Atlantic Ocean. The formation chance through 48 hours is low at near 0 percent, but the formation chance through seven days is medium at 40 percent.

Director Daryl Jaschen emphasized to the community that planning and preparedness are key missions of VITEMA. For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit [VITEMA.VI.GOV](http://VITEMA.VI.GOV).