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VITEMA Schedules Territory-Wide Sandbag Distribution as Hurricane Season Enters Active Period

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The V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency along with the Fire Services and the Department of Public Works will distribute filled sandbags for all residents throughout the month of August beginning Tuesday, August 23, VITEMA said in a release Monday night.

Residents may drive through and pick up a maximum of 6 sandbags per household at Department of Public Works offices and selected Fire Stations located throughout the territory, the agency said. Public Works distribution sites are open on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and on Thursday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Fire Stations are open distributing sandbags on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

Locations for drive-thru distribution:

St. Croix

- Department of Public Works (Anna's Hope)
- Department of Public Works (Concordia West)
- Cotton Valley Fire Station

St. Thomas

- Department of Public Works (Sub Base)
- Omar Brown Sr. Fire Station (Barbel Plaza) St. John
- Department of Public Works (Susannaberg)

Though highly reputed organizations such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Colorado State University Tropical Weather and Climate Research have [predicted](#) an above-average hurricane season this year, it has been so far quiet in the tropical Atlantic. According to NOAA, the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season is September 10, with most activity occurring between mid-August and mid-October.

VITEMA said it will continue to monitor potential heavy rain events to include Tropical Cyclones and provide additional opportunities for sandbag distribution.