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### **Blue Skies Sandbag Distribution Scheduled for Seniors and Homebound Physically-Challenged Residents**

July 26, 2024 – The Bryan-Roach Administration urges residents to prepare for the hurricane season. In a collaborative effort the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), VI Fire & Emergency Medical Services (VIFEMS), and the VI Department of Public Works (VIDPW) will begin the distribution of sandbags to homebound physically-challenged and/or senior residents throughout the territory, starting Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> until Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Eligible residents who need the six (6) sandbags delivered are asked to contact the hotline numbers listed below from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>:

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

If the numbers above are busy, please call ADA coordinators office 340-998-3571.

Director Daryl Jaschen emphasizes to the community that planning and preparedness is one of the key missions of VITEMA. This announcement demonstrates proactive measures being taken to protect vulnerable residents in the U.S. Virgin Islands

during this hurricane season. It's a good example of how local governments can help prepare their communities for potential natural disasters.

For more information and hurricane preparedness, please go to [VITEMA.VI.GOV](http://VITEMA.VI.GOV)—  
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