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Pasco County to Open Hurricane Shelters Ahead of Irma

~~Shelters to open Friday, September 8, 2017 at 11 a.m.~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County is opening hurricane shelters for residents who would like to leave their home ahead of Hurricane Irma. The following shelters will open **Friday, September 8, 2017 at 11 a.m.** giving residents a place to ride out the storm:

- **Fivay High School**, 12115 Chicago Ave., Hudson
- **River Ridge Middle/High School**, 11646 Town Center Rd., New Port Richey
- **Sunlake High School**, 3023 Sunlake Blvd., Land O Lakes
- **Wesley Chapel High School**, 30651 Wells Rd., Wesley Chapel
- **Wiregrass Ranch High School**, 2909 Mansfield Blvd., Wesley Chapel (**Pet-friendly**)
*Please click here for a list of supplies to bring with your pet: <http://bit.ly/2xRm5qJ>.
*Registered sex offenders will be housed at this site, at a different location

Citizens should first attempt to find shelter with neighbors, relatives or friends. If that is not an option, citizens can self-evacuate directly to the shelter. Pasco County will provide transportation for residents who need assistance getting to a shelter if they call **Pasco County Customer Service** at 727.847.2411.

*Note: Please plan to eat a meal before you arrive at the shelter, as **lunch will not be served** Friday, September 8, 2017. The first meal served to shelter residents will be dinner Friday evening. Shelter residents are encouraged to bring snacks/water for their own use.

Pasco County also provides a shelter program for residents who have special needs. Special needs residents must contact Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411 to register for accommodation at the **Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter**, located at 11611 Denton Ave., Hudson.

Visit www.pascocountyfl.net for updates on Hurricane Irma and for the latest actions Pasco County is taking. Citizens are also encouraged to visit the [Pasco County Emergency Management](http://PascoCountyEmergencyManagement.com) website for more information about preparing for hurricanes or other disasters: pascoemergencymanagement.com.