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Pasco County EOC UPDATE (Wednesday 9/7/16)

~~Here are the latest updates from Pasco County~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Emergency Management is transitioning into recovery mode and has completed an aggressive damage assessment – touring every Pasco County neighborhood affected by Hurricane Hermine. More than 350 Pasco County Government employees and volunteers helped in the effort, conducting human needs and damage assessments.

RESIDENTIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Pasco County has identified approximately \$89 million in damages, making this one of the costliest disasters in Pasco County. As of 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Pasco County Emergency Management documented 2,672 homes and properties impacted by the storm broken down as follows: 796 affected, 1,564 minor damage, 305 major damage, and 7 destroyed. (The number of homes destroyed was decreased from 9 to 7, as some homes were reassigned to different categories after further evaluation.)

Click here to see the full damage assessment press release:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3666>

BUSINESS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Pasco County is urging business owners to complete a Business Damage Assessment Survey. The State of Florida is gathering information from businesses that may have had damage caused by Hurricane Hermine. The Business Damage Assessment Survey is available at: <http://flvbeoc.org/index.php?action=bda>.

EVACUATIONS: The recommended evacuation order has been **LIFTED** for residents in the Suncoast Gateway Mobile Home Park in Port Richey. See maps and more information regarding standing Evacuation Orders at the following address:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3655>

SHELTER CLOSED: The Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter at 11611 Denton Avenue in Hudson is now **CLOSED**. The American Red Cross has assisted all families needing help and reports there is no longer a need for sheltering.

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POTENTIAL SCAM WARNING: Pasco County is warning residents to beware of unlicensed contractors OR anyone claiming to be a government entity asking for deposits or down payments. Pasco County workers will NOT ask you for money. If this happens, please report it to the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. For more information on unlicensed contractors, visit: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=2115>

GARBAGE/DEBRIS PICKUP: All residents who have storm-related debris are asked to e-mail Pasco County Customer Service at customerservice@pascocountyfl.net and provide the address where the debris is located. Residents without internet access can call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to report debris. To prevent long-term damage to roads, there will be no garbage pickup on flooded roads.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: Pasco County Mosquito Control is doing both aerial and ground spraying to combat mosquitoes; these efforts will continue throughout the next week.

LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE

- Residents who would like to dispose of flood-damaged items can take them to the West Pasco Landfill at 14606 Hays Road in Spring Hill during normal business hours, Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- All fees will be **waived** for dumping storm-related items.
- Garbage trucks will NOT be collecting trash along residential streets covered in standing water to prevent further damage to roads and homes.

REPORT FLOOD DAMAGE: All residents are urged to report storm-related damage to Pasco County Customer Service by e-mailing customerservice@pascocountyfl.net or by calling 727.847.2411, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DRINKING WATER: There are no municipal boil water notices currently in effect; however residents on private well systems that have been flooded are advised to get wells tested before drinking the water. Residents can have their water tested through the Pasco County Environmental Lab or by a laboratory certified by the State to perform a drinking water analysis. Get additional information about Pasco County Environmental Lab at the following weblink: <http://bit.ly/2csRtBA> or call 727.847.8902 during normal business hours.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Go to www.pascocountyfl.net for the latest information under the press release section or visit www.PascoEmergencyManagement.com. Stay informed on the go with the MyPasco App. Download it free on your mobile device here: <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2248>

RIVER LEVELS: The Anclote crested at 25.08 feet over the weekend and is currently at Moderate Flood Stage or 19.3 feet. The river is expected to stay in Minor/Action Flood Stage until Thursday. Click [here](#) for the latest forecast from the National Weather Service: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=tbw&gage=ELFF1>

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SANDBAGS

- Sandbags are available at the West Pasco Government Center daily
- Emergency Management ordered 250,000 sandbags on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016.
- Pasco County has handed out at least 38,000 sandbags since Monday, August 29, 2016.
- Pasco County gave out 33,000 sandbags earlier this season, for a 2016 total of 71,000 sandbags.

PASCO TELEVISION: The latest updates and information – including live press conferences and replays – can be seen on Pasco County TV (Bright House Networks channel 643 or Verizon channel 42).

THE MYPASCO APP

- MyPasco App is your direct connection to the latest information from Pasco County. Residents who want to send pictures or report problems can use the free **MyPasco App** to send information directly to the Emergency Operations Center. All press releases related to the flooding are available on MyPasco App. The new APP is designed for Android, Apple, and Blackberry mobile products. Go to the Google Play store and the Apple Store and search for keyword MyPasco.
- Todos los comunicados de prensa relacionados con las inundaciones y boletines informativos están disponibles en la aplicación de MyPasco. La aplicación ha sido diseñada para celulares Android, Apple, y Blackberry. La puede descargar gratis en Google Play o por medio de Apple Store.
- For more information go to <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2248>.

PASCO CUSTOMER SERVICE: Citizens who have questions, need assistance, would like to help, or want to report storm damage can call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411 or send an e-mail to: customerservice@pascocountyfl.net.

Citizens are encouraged to use social media to post flooding or other storm-related photos and information using the hashtags #pascocounty #pascostorm.

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