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Pasco County EOC UPDATE (Tuesday 9/6/16)

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

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- A 30-plus member team of County employees and building inspectors are inspecting homes flooded in west Pasco County on Tuesday. 90-percent of the damage in Pasco County appears to be due to flood waters.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: A preliminary damage assessment was completed on Monday, September 5, 2016. Pasco County Emergency Management has documented more than 1000 homes and properties impacted by the storm. Current impact: 322 affected homes, 197 with minor damage, 297 major damage, and 9 destroyed.

Click on this link for more information about a preliminary damage assessment:
<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3660>

EVACUATIONS: Approximately 2,480 residents in the evacuation areas may be affected. See maps and more information regarding the Evacuation Order at the following address:
<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3656>

GARBAGE/DEBRIS PICKUP: All residents are urged to report storm-related damage to Pasco County Customer Service by emailing customerservice@pascocountyfl.net and provide the address where the debris is located. There will be no garbage pickup as long as a road is flooded. This is to help prevent long term damage to your road.

SHELTER: Pasco County Government continues to have a one-thousand bed shelter available for citizens who need help. The Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter is located at 11611 Denton Avenue in Hudson. Citizens can receive showers, sleeping quarters and three meals a day. Citizens can self-evacuate directly to the shelter or call 727.847.2411 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and we will provide transportation for you. Emergencies call 9-1-1.

As of Tuesday morning, 20 people were reported staying at the shelter along with 4 pets

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MOSQUITO CONTROL: Pasco County Mosquito Control had staff out in the field inspecting and treating for mosquitoes over Labor Day weekend. Mosquito control helicopters treated more than 100 sites over the holiday weekend and will continue these efforts 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, 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 who have damage, please report the damage to Pasco County Customer Service by emailing customerservice@pascocountyfl.net

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 and read under the press release section or go to www.PascoEmergencyManagement.com. Stay informed on the go with the MyPasco App, download it for free on your mobile device at this link: <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.

RIVER LEVELS

The Anclote crested at 25.08 feet Sunday night and is currently at Moderate Flood Stage or 21.3 feet. The river will stay in Minor/Action Flood Stage until Thursday. Click on this link for the latest forecast from the National Weather Service: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=tbw&gage=ELFF1>

HOSPITAL CLOSURES

Regional Medical Center at Bayonet Point reopened on September 6, 2016.

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SANDBAGS

- West Pasco Government Center and Mitchell Park sandbag sites are open until 6 p.m.
- Emergency Management ordered 250,000 sandbags Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016
- Pasco County has handed out 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

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