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Pasco County EOC UPDATE (Monday 9/5/16)

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

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Emergency Operations is at a Level Two activation and is operating Monday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Human Needs Teams and Damage Assessment Teams continue to go into flooded communities in western Pasco County. More than 350 Pasco County Government Employees and volunteers turned out this morning to help in the EOC effort, conduct human needs and damage assessments.

Approximately 2,480 residents are possibly affected in the evacuation areas. See maps and more information regarding the Evacuation Order at the following address:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3656>

SHELTER: Pasco County Government has a 1,000 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 3 meals a day. Citizens can self-evacuate directly to the shelter or call 727.847.2411 (MON-FRI 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and we will provide transportation for you. Emergencies call 911. 17 people were reported staying at the shelter as of Monday morning.

REPORT FLOOD DAMAGE: All residents who have damage, please report the damage to Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411 or email at customerservice@pascocountyfl.net

GARBAGE PICKUP: There will be no garbage pickup as long as a road is flooded. This is to help prevent long term damage to your road.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Go to www.pascocountyfl.net for the latest information, read under press release section or go to www.pascoemergencymangement.com

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DRINKING WATER: There are no municipal boil water notices currently in effect, however residents on private well systems where wells have been flooded, it is advised to get your well 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.

RIVER LEVELS

The Anclote crested at 25.08 feet Sunday night and is currently at Moderate Flood Stage or 22.3 feet. Click on this link for the latest forecast from the National Weather Service: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=tbw&gage=ELFF1>

EVACUATIONS:

Four areas are under **mandatory** evacuations, for 744 homes:

- Worthington Court Apartment complex, Rowan Road and State Road 54 in New Port Richey
- Blue Heron Mobile Home Park, 6615 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey
- Elfers Parkway Area along the Anclote River
- Suncoast Gateway Mobile Home Park, 6010 Ridge Road, Port Richey

Evacuation is **recommended** in the following areas, affecting 1,733 homes:

- Bass Lake Area, New Port Richey
- Lake Worrell, New Port Richey
- Magnolia Valley Area, New Port Richey

Maps of the evacuation can be found at the following link:

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

HOSPITAL CLOSURES

Regional Medical Center at Bayonet Point is still **closed** due to storm damage.

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

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 on Monday, September 5 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

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PARKS AND RECREATION

- Moon Lake Park Boat ramp is **closed** due to high water in the lake; the park is **open**
- Key Vista Nature Park is **closed** due to ground saturation and trees continuing to fall
- J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park is **open**; the bike trail is **closed** due to flooding
- Robert K. Rees Memorial Park is **open**
- Anclote Gulf Park is **open**; the new Dog Park is **closed** due to flooding

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.

