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## **Pasco County Public Works pumping operations**

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**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- The Pasco County Public Works Department has deployed pumps in several locations around the County – in communities near the Gulf of Mexico and in areas that drain to rivers affected by Gulf of Mexico tides.

Normally, at high tide, water is pushed back into these drainage systems – forcing the water to back flow. This causes standing water in the receiving ditches or raises water levels in the canals. When Pasco County receives heavy rain during high tide, these drainage systems are receiving water from both directions – the Gulf of Mexico pushing water in and runoff draining from higher ground. Public Works cannot pump until the tide changes direction, floodwaters at the lower end of the drainage system drain down, and the rain stops.

The County has pumps in other areas that are not affected by high tide – like Cranes Roost – where we are able to engage the pumps and work to reduce flooding.

Pasco County Public Works is continuing to monitor water levels and will make sure pumps are running when they are able to do so.

If you live in an area experiencing flooding and need help, please call 911. To report flooding or other storm-related damage, please call the Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.

Pasco County Emergency Management officials also want to remind you to avoid driving, walking or playing in floodwater of any depth. Please do not put yourself in danger. Click on this link for additional floodwater safety tips:

<http://pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/26446>

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