



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**October 6, 2016**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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## **Pasco residents urged to evacuate from mobile homes**

*~~Tropical storm force winds possible with Hurricane Matthew~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- Pasco County Government's Office of Emergency Management has issued a self-evacuation order for Eastern Pasco County. Anyone who lives in a manufactured home, mobile home or RV should consider seeking shelter as Hurricane Matthew makes landfall along Florida's east coast, bringing high winds to most of the state.

The order is in effect for residents who live in eastern Pasco County, east of I-75. Those who choose to evacuate should first consider riding out the storm with family or friends. If that is not an option, citizens can self-evacuate directly to Pasco County's Hurricane Shelter, located at **Wiregrass Ranch High School, 2909 Mansfield Blvd., Wesley Chapel**. The shelter will open tonight, Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m. If you decide to stay in the shelter, please bring your ID, money, any medicines, and pets.

Pasco County could see winds in excess of 35 miles an hour late Thursday into Friday evening. The National Weather Service is not expecting flooding or heavy rain in Pasco County in association with this storm.

Keeping you and your family safe through preparedness is our top priority. The Pasco County Office of Emergency Management encourages all Pasco County residents to review the Pasco County Disaster Planning Guide, which you can find here:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/Home/View/726>

The Pasco County Customer Service line is open Thursday, October 6 until 9 p.m. and will open again Friday, October 7 at 8 a.m. Please call 727.847.2411 with any questions or concerns.

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