



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## **Pasco County opens sandbag locations**

*~~Emergency Management monitoring Hurricane Matthew's track~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- As Hurricane Matthew bears down on Florida's east coast, Pasco County Government is opening several sandbag locations to help residents protect their homes and businesses. Sandbag sites are open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice:

- West Pasco Government Center, 7356 State Street, New Port Richey
- C-Barn, 30908 Warder Road, San Antonio
- Dade City Police Dept., 38042 Pasco Ave., Dade City
- Mitchell Park, 4825 Little Road, New Port Richey
- Land O' Lakes Rec Center, 3032 Collier Pkwy, Land O' Lakes
- Fire Station, 6907 Dairy Road, Zephyrhills

Residents should be prepared to fill their own sandbags, although various sandbag sites might have inmate assistance available. Sandbags are provided, but residents are encouraged to bring their own shovels.

"Hurricane Matthew is not expected to bring heavy rains or cause widespread flooding in Pasco County, but we want everyone to be prepared for the possibility of the storm tracking further west," said Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie.

Citizens who would like more information about preparing for flooding, hurricanes or other disasters can go to the Pasco Emergency Management webpage at:

[www.pascoemergencymanagement.com](http://www.pascoemergencymanagement.com).

The Pasco County Customer Service line is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 727.847.2411 with any questions or concerns.

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