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Pasco County Issues Local State of Emergency

~~Hurricane Matthew expected to bring tropical storm force winds, little rain~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The Pasco Board of County Commissioners has issued a Local State of Emergency for Pasco County as Hurricane Matthew tracks northwest toward Florida's east coast.

The National Weather Service in Tampa predicts a 40 to 70 percent chance of tropical storm force winds (39 miles an hour or higher) late Thursday into Friday evening. Total rainfall from the storm is expected to be less than 1.3 inches for most areas of Pasco County. Winds could cause rough seas in the Gulf, but we are not expecting storm surge out of this system.

A local state of emergency allows the County Administrator and Emergency Services Director to waive everyday procedures and do what they feel is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community. The Local State of Emergency will be in effect for 7 days or until rescinded by the County Administrator if it's no longer needed.

Residents should closely monitor media and weather reports. Anyone needing assistance should contact Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

For more information about preparing for hurricanes or other disasters, read the Pasco County Disaster Planning Guide on the Emergency Management webpage at:
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