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## **Pasco County monitoring Hurricane Matthew**

*~~Predicted to be moderate wind event; no flooding expected~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- Pasco County Emergency Management staff is closely monitoring Hurricane Matthew as the storm heads toward Florida's east coast. At this time, there are no watches or warnings for Pasco County.

The National Weather Service in Tampa, Florida is forecasting less than one inch of rain in Pasco County over the next five days in association with Hurricane Matthew. Since flooding is not expected to be an issue with this storm, Pasco County is not opening sandbag locations. If conditions change, Emergency Management is prepared to begin sandbagging operations.

“Although we are prone to flooding, Hurricane Matthew is not expected to bring significant rainfall to Pasco County on its current track,” said Pasco County Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie. “We’re asking residents to prepare for the chance of windy conditions over the next few days – pick up loose items from your yard and around your home. And it’s a good time to make sure you have everything you need in your Disaster Supply Kit.”

Pasco County is also responding to a mutual aid request from Nassau County, Florida and is sending three Emergency Management team members to Florida's east coast to help residents prepare for and recover from the impact of Hurricane Matthew.

For more information about preparing for hurricanes or other disasters, read our Disaster Planning Guide on 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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