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Pasco County monitoring Tropical Storm Emily

~~Heavy rain expected for Pasco County; no flooding expected~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- [Pasco County Emergency Management](#) staff is closely monitoring Tropical Storm Emily as it moves eastward across Florida. At this time, there are no watches or warnings for Pasco County.

Florida Governor Rick Scott has declared a State of Emergency for 31 counties, including Pasco County, which ensures that local governments have the resources they need to respond to storm-related issues. Pasco County Emergency Management is communicating with interdepartmental staff, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and our regional partners to ensure response readiness.

The National Weather Service in Tampa, Florida is forecasting three to six inches of rain in Pasco County over the next 48 hours in association with Tropical Storm Emily. Major flooding is not expected to be an issue in Pasco County.

Pasco County is not opening staffed sandbag locations, however; any residents who would like sandbags are welcome to stop by the West Pasco Government Center at 7356 State Street in New Port Richey. Residents should be prepared to fill their own sandbags. Sandbags are provided, but residents will need to bring their own shovels to fill them.

Emergency Management staff would like to remind residents that we are approaching the height of hurricane season and everyone should be taking the necessary preparedness measures. Visit www.pascoemergencymanagement.com to read our **Disaster Planning Guide**, sign up for **Alert Pasco** to receive emergency and severe weather notifications, and download the **MyPasco App**.

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. In an emergency, call 911.

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