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Pasco residents urged to prepare for self-evacuation in flood-prone areas

~~10 inches of rain on the coast and four inches inland possible~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Government's Office of Emergency Management continues to monitor Tropical Depression Nine as the storm is expected to increase in wind speed and organization and is likely to become a Tropical Storm. The system is expected to turn towards the Northeast and continue to strengthen as it moves towards the Florida Nature Coast.

Residents who live in low-lying, flood-prone areas and those with special needs should consider the possibility of voluntary self-evacuations ahead of the storm. Residents who usually experience flooding should take actions to prepare their properties and supply their homes/families with adequate food.

Pasco County could see significant impacts from the storm expected Wednesday through Thursday night. Rainfall ten (10) inches along the coast and four (4) inches inland is expected with higher amounts possible.

The storm could bring 25 miles per hour (mph) sustained winds and 45 mph gusts. Tides are expected to rise one to three feet above normal. There could also be tornadic activity possible - especially on Thursday.

The storm is expected to make landfall north of the Cedar Key area Thursday late morning/afternoon.

River gauges in Pasco County are currently well below flood stage which can allow for additional capacity if the area receives heavy rain.

Pasco County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) currently is at a Level 3 Activation which is a monitoring stage. The Pasco EOC will go into Level 2 activation early Thursday morning.

2-2-2 TROPICAL DEPRESSION 9

There are sandbag operations currently operating at the following locations from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

- West Pasco Government Center, 7356 State Street, New Port Richey
- C-Barn, 30908 Warder Road, San Antonio (self-serve)
- Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road, Hudson (self-serve)
- Mitchell Park, 4825 Little Road, New Port Richey (self-serve)
- Land O' Lakes Rec Center, 3032 Collier Pkwy, Land O' Lakes
- Fire Station, 6907 Dairy Road, Zephyrhills
- 6240 Pine Hill Road, New Port Richey (self-serve)
- 38042 Pasco Ave., Dade City (self-serve)
- Port Richey City Hall, 6333 Ridge Road, Port Richey (self-serve)

See press release regarding sandbag locations:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3631>

See additional preparation information at the following link:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3634>

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 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 727.847.2411 with any questions or concerns.

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