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## **Pasco County reminds residents to avoid flooded areas**

*~~Important flood water safety tips and helpful information on septic and well systems~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- As weather conditions improve, Pasco County Emergency Management urges residents to take precautions with flood waters. Although skin contact with flood waters may not, by itself, pose a serious health risk, health hazards are a concern when waters become contaminated. Flood waters may contain fecal material, associated bacteria, viruses, and other pollutants.

### Flood Safety:

Do not let children play in flooded roads as water may be contaminated. If your well was flooded make sure you test for bacterial contamination. Click on this link for additional flood water safety tips: <http://pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/26446>

Mosquito Prevention: Citizens are asked to dump and drain any containers, planters and tires that are still holding excess water. See link below for more tips:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/26447>

### Sandbags:

Self-serve sandbag locations are closing. However one sandbag location will remain available to residents at: Pasco County Government Center, 7356 State Street, New Port Richey, Florida.

### Emergency Operations Center:

Pasco County's Emergency Operations Center is returning to normal operations and will continue to monitor flood conditions.

### Public Works:

Pump operations will continue as needed in impacted areas:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/26447>

## 2-2-2 AVOID FLOODED AREAS

To report flooding, please call the Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Citizens who would like more information about preparations for flooding, hurricanes or other disasters can go to the Pasco County Emergency Management Division webpage at: [www.pascoemergencymanagement.com](http://www.pascoemergencymanagement.com).

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