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Pasco County opens sand bag operations

~~Heavy rains possible in Pasco County~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- In response to possible heavy rains, Pasco County Government and the City of New Port Richey will open sand bag operations starting Saturday, August 6, 2016. The National Weather Service forecast calls for the possibility of 5-10 inches of rain in the next 7 days, but there is potential for isolated areas to receive higher amounts in excess of 12 inches over the next week.

In order to help citizens in flood prone and low lying areas prepare for potential impacts of heavy rain, the following locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting August 6, 2016 until further notice:

- West Pasco Government Center, 7356 State Street, New Port Richey (self-serve)
- J.W. Mitchell Park, 4025 Little Road, New Port Richey (self-serve)
- Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road, Hudson (self-serve)

The sand bag locations are open to Pasco County residents. Sand bags will be provided, but residents are encouraged to bring their own shovels.

The City of New Port Richey will also open sand bag operations for city residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following location:

- 6240 Pine Hill Road, New Port Richey (self-serve)

Pasco County Public Works crews will be working over the weekend as needed. Pumps at the following locations are operating: Trinity, Thousand Oaks, Seven Springs and Magnolia Valley. Additional pumps will be activated if needed.

2-2-2 SAND BAG LOCATIONS OPEN

Pasco County Emergency Management and County staff will also be on standby and will monitor the situation.

Citizens who would like more information about preparations for flooding, hurricanes or other disasters can go to the Pasco Emergency management webpage at:

www.pascoemergencymanagement.com.

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