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Pasco County EOC Reminder: Avoid Flooded Areas

~~Floodwater safety tips and helpful reminders~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- With continued heavy rains expected in our area, Pasco County Emergency Management is urging everyone in flood-prone and low-lying areas to take precautions with floodwater. Although skin contact with floodwater might not, in itself, pose a serious health risk, health hazards are a concern when water is contaminated. Floodwater can contain fecal material, bacteria, viruses and other pollutants.

Floodwater Safety:

- Avoid contact with floodwater and do not allow children to play in or around floodwater. Contaminated standing water can make you sick and can also contain other hazards, including dangerous wildlife, such as snakes, floating insects, etc. If you do come into contact with floodwater, wash the affected area as soon as possible with soap and clean water.
- Roads can flood quickly (flash flooding) during heavy downpours. Do not drive into flooded streets as your vehicle could become damaged or stranded.

Sandbags:

Sandbags can help protect your property from potential flooding. The following self-serve sandbag locations are open 24 hours to Pasco County residents:

- Pasco County Public Works (C-Barn)
[30908 Warder Road](#), San Antonio
- Magnolia Valley Golf Course Clubhouse
[7223 Massachusetts Ave.](#), New Port Richey

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Water Supply Safety:

- If you rely on a well for water and you are in a flooded area, your water could contain disease-causing bacteria and may not be safe to drink. For a fee, Pasco County can perform a drinking water analysis. For more information on well water testing, contact:

Pasco County Environmental Lab
8864 Government Dr.
New Port Richey, FL 34654
727.847.8902
Hours: M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Mosquito Prevention:

- In an effort to help eliminate mosquito breeding grounds, please dump and drain any containers, planters and tires that are holding water.

To report flooding, please call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For more information about preparing for disasters – including how to sign up for emergency notifications through [Alert Pasco](#) – please visit the Pasco County [Division of Emergency Management](#) website at: pascoemergencymanagement.com.

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