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Flagler County orders mandatory evacuations

September 8, 2017 – Flagler County has issued a mandatory evacuation order effective at 7am Saturday for the following areas:

- Evacuation Zone A includes everything east of the Intracoastal including Marineland, Hammock, Flagler Beach along A1A.
- Evacuation Zone F is in western Flagler County and includes areas near Dead Lake – St. Johns Park and the Haw Creek Basin – as the St. Johns River, which feeds Dead Lake.
- Low-lying areas subject to flooding, as well as for those who live in mobile homes, recreational vehicles, and trailers.
- Individuals with special medical needs, due to the potential loss of power.

The existing mandatory evacuation remains in effect for evacuation zones A, B, C and F for all nursing homes, elder care facilities, other elder care facilities, community residential group homes and non-elder health care facilities and community residential group homes.

Residents of all other areas (Zones B, C, D, and E) should shelter in place unless they meet any of the above criteria.

“We are requiring people to get out of harm’s way, which means going to a shelter at this point,” Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten said. “We are asking people to remain within the county if they haven’t already left for some other destination, both because of traffic conditions and uncertain weather conditions.”

Shelters will open at 7 a.m. Saturday at: 1) Rymfire Elementary for special needs; 2) Bunnell Elementary for residents with crated, domestic pets; and, shelters 3 - 4) Buddy Taylor – Wadsworth campus for the general population.
Buddy Taylor/Wadsworth Campus – General Population
4500 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast
Map link: https://www.google.com/maps/place/4500+Belle+Terre+Pkwy,+Palm+Coast,+FL+32164/@29.5300118,-81.2226937

Bunnell Elementary – Pets
305 N. Palmetto Street, Bunnell
Map link: https://www.google.com/maps/place/305+N+Palmetto+St,+Bunnell,+FL+32110/@29.4726826,-81.2523027

Rymfire Elementary – Special Needs
1425 Rymfire Drive, Palm Coast
Map link: https://www.google.com/maps/place/1425+Rymfire+Dr,+Palm+Coast,+FL+32164/@29.5018118,-81.2523027

ADDITIONAL SHELTERING INFORMATION:
Some cots will be available at the shelters – fewer at the Buddy Taylor/Wadsworth campus. Residents will be permitted to bring single/twin size inflatable mattresses. Queen and king size mattresses will not be allowed.

All residents should bring:
- 72-hour supply of all medications
- Sleeping bags, pillows, and blankets
- Extra chargers and batteries for electronics
- Headphones for music devices
- Snacks and “comfort foods” – meals will be served
- Those with special diets should bring appropriate foods
- No weapons allowed
- No illegal narcotics allowed
- No alcohol allowed

Residents with pets (Bunnell Elementary only):
- Animals must be crated
- Animals must have current vaccination records and supplies, including medications
• “Pets” are dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, rodents, and turtles
• Four (4) pet maximum
• No snakes, reptiles or farm animals and livestock
• No drop offs

Residents with special needs (Rymfire Elementary):
• Special needs residents are those who require assistance with daily living or who have medical conditions that prevent or hinder their ability to care for themselves, as well as those who require electricity or oxygen
• A family member or caregiver should stay at the shelter with the individual
• Special needs shelters provide only limited medical care

Check for current information on Flagler County’s website www.flaglercounty.org, or tune into the county’s partner radio station WNZF, 1550 am, 106.3 fm and the Flagler Radio App worldwide. Follow “Flagler County Government” or “Flagler County Emergency Management on Facebook or Twitter. The county’s social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

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• Flagler County TV at Spectrum Channel 492

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