

**Clay County Emergency Management
Hurricane Irma PSA #9
September 10, 2017 7:00 PM
Call Center - 904-284-7703**



Clay County Officials signed an Executive Order enacting a curfew effective Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00 p.m. to Monday, Sept. 11, 8:00 p.m. This curfew is in effect for public safety during Hurricane Irma's impact on our area. Residents in Clay County are to remain in their homes or inside a shelter during the curfew.

Clay County will continue to experience effects Hurricane Irma through Monday. Know that this storm is unlike any event we've previously experienced. This will be a significant wind and rain event for us. Extreme tropical storm force winds will continue through Monday. We have the potential of seeing 10 - 15 inches of rain and we will see flooding along the low lying areas of many of our waterways.

Black Creek's north and south prong will be at flood stage Monday and crest at major flood stage Tuesday.

Clay Electric Cooperative is asking residents to be prepared to go without power for a week or longer. While this is an inconvenience, the company is bringing in many outside resources to help speed restoration efforts.

Clay County Utility Authority stated that water from your faucet is currently safe to drink. Reclaimed water, used for irrigation, has been turned off. In the event that a boil water notice is necessary, you can find more information at <https://www.clayutility.org>, or any of the official Clay County Emergency Management social media outlets.

Please remember to expect bridge closures when sustained winds reach 40 mph.

The Clay County Call Center, 904-284-7703, is open 24-hours a day for citizens who have questions pertaining to the storm. The county's website is alert.claycountygov.com. There you can find information about special needs shelters, evacuation zones and the county's alerting system.

Road Closures:

Turn Around Don't Drown. Ditches are full and many of our roads may be impassable due to flood. Please use caution.

Evacuations:

Clay County has ordered a mandatory evacuation for Zones A, B and C, which are the areas near the St. Johns River, Doctors Lake and Black Creek, including the north and south prongs.

Shelter Information:

As of 6:30 p.m. Sunday, there are more than 700 people in Clay County shelters.

The Clay County Special Needs Shelter at Lake Asbury Junior High is at capacity, serving 52 people, 25 with special needs. This shelter is for Clay County special needs, registered clients only.

A second Special Needs Shelter is open at Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065, serving 3 people. This shelter is for Clay County special needs, registered clients only.

Clay County's General Population Shelters are open at the following locations:

- Clay High School, 2025 FL-16, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, is currently serving 89 people.
- Orange Park High School, 2300 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073, (this shelter allows pets), is currently serving 244 people and 65 pets.
- Wilkinson Elementary School, 4965 Co. Rd. 218, Middleburg, FL 32068. Currently serving 118 people.
- Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School, 900 Orchid Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656 – This shelter allows pets. Currently serving 209 people and 28 pets.

Garbage Collections:

Garbage services will be suspended Monday, Sept. 11, with plans to resume as soon as possible following the storm.

The Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility will be closed Monday, Sept. 11, with plans to re-open as soon as possible following the storm.

Closures:

- Clay County Schools will be closed Monday, Sept. 11, and Tuesday, Sept. 12.
- Clay County Libraries will be closed Monday, Sept. 11.
- Clay County Parks will be closed Sunday, Sept. 10, and Monday, Sept. 11.
- Parks in the Town of Orange Park, including Magnolia Cemetery, will be closed Monday, Sept. 11.
- The Clay County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Sept. 11 and Tuesday, Sept. 12. In light of the courthouse closure last Friday and on Monday, many court appearances have been rescheduled. Please view the new court calendar information at www.clayclerk.com in the Announcements Section.
- The Clay County Property Appraiser's Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 11.

- The Clay County Tax Collector's Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 11.
- The Clay County Supervisor of Election's Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 11.
- Clay County Government Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 11.
- The Clay County Animal Care & Control Shelter will be closed Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Stay tuned to official weather reports, your local media and the Clay County Emergency Management's social media pages for current forecasts and preparedness actions.

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PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER

Hurricane Irma

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2017, a Declaration of Local Emergency was declared due to Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was activated and the utilization of the emergency powers under Sections 252.31 through 252.62, Florida Statutes was authorized; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 7.1, Emergency Management, of the Clay County Code of Ordinances, Section 7.1-6(b)(7), provides that during the existence of a declared state of local emergency, when recommended by the Emergency Management Director, the County Manager shall have the power and authority by executive order to impose a curfew upon all or any portion of the County prohibiting persons from being on public streets, highways, parks or other public places during the hours the curfew is in effect.

NOW THEREFORE,

Pursuant to the authority granted under Chapter 7.1, the Clay County Manager, on behalf of the Clay County Board of Commissioners, the Emergency Management Director and the Clay County Sheriff, issues a curfew, to include pedestrian and vehicular movement, on public streets, highways, parks or other public places, beginning tonight, September 10, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. through September 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. due to safety concerns arising from the impact expected from Hurricane Irma, including high winds, downed trees and power lines, high water and potential flooding, and possible debris from high winds.

Persons in Clay County are to remain in their homes or inside a shelter during the curfew unless they are an essential County employee, County official, Fire/Rescue employee, Sheriff's Deputy, authorized utility employee, County medical officer, authorized hospital employee, authorized contract debris employee, a local, State or Federal official or an authorized person pursuant to approval issued directly by the County Manager, Clay County Sheriff, or Emergency Management Director.

Persons who refuse to comply are subject to imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days in jail and/or a fine not to exceed five-hundred dollars (\$500.00).

DATED this 10th day of September, 2017, in Green Cove Springs, Florida, effective at 8:00 p.m on September 10, 2017.

Clay County Board of County Commissioners

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "S.C. Kopelousos", is written over a horizontal line.

S.C. Kopelousos, County Manager