

**Clay County Emergency Management  
Hurricane Irma PSA #1  
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Clay County Emergency Management is closely monitoring the ever changing track of Hurricane Irma. Clay County residents can potentially begin to expect effects from this powerful hurricane as early as Saturday evening. Unlike Matthew which was a Tropical Storm when it narrowly skirted Northeast Florida, Irma is a power hurricane and will remain so as it travels north.

It is strongly encouraged that the citizens take this storm seriously and take the steps now to prepare themselves and their families for the possibility of a near or direct strike from Irma. Take the time now to prepare your Family Disaster Kit by stocking up on essential supplies that your family would need including food, water, medications, medical devices and other essentials.

Also, ensure that your Disaster Plan is ready. Decide if you plan on staying home, going to a family or friend's house or to a local shelter. Remember that shelters are refuges of last resort and are not comfortable. Individuals and families who report to any shelter are responsible for bringing their own food, bedding, medication, multiple changes of clothing and other essentials. Be sure to communicate your Disaster Plan to family and friends.

Evacuations related to Irma are a distinct possibility. Clay County orders evacuations by letter: A, B, C, and D. If you are unsure of what evacuation zone you live in or wish to register for emergency alerts on your phone or mobile device, visit: [alert.claycountygov.com](http://alert.claycountygov.com). Remember that if you reside in a mobile home, you automatically live in an evacuation zone.

**Sandbags will be made available to county residents Thursday, September the 7<sup>th</sup> at the following locations:**

1. Middleburg Fire Station- 4003 Everett Ave.
2. Fleming Island Fire Station- 5995 Pine Ave.
3. Orange Park Fire Station- 2025 Smith St.
4. Green Cove Springs Public Works Yard- 900 Gum St
5. Keystone Heights City Hall- 555 South Lawrence Blvd

**County shelter locations will also be announced Thursday, September the 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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