

Clay County Emergency Management
Hurricane Irma PSA #7
September 9, 2017 4:30 PM
Call Center - 904-284-7703



Clay County Emergency Management is activated at a level 1, full activation and monitoring the ever changing track of Hurricane Irma. Clay County is currently under a hurricane warning, which means that we will experience hurricane conditions and preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion. It is important that residents not get complacent with the western movement of the storm; our community will still experience significant hurricane effects from Hurricane Irma.

Clay County residents can potentially begin to expect effects from this storm Sunday late afternoon. Be sure that all your preparations are done by Sunday. We encourage you to move and seek shelter by noon Sunday. Please remember to expect bridge closures when sustained winds reach 40 mph.

On its current track, Irma is poised to significantly impact Clay County Sunday and Monday with sustained Tropical Storm and Hurricane conditions for an extended period of time.

Evacuations:

Clay County is ordering a mandatory evacuation for Zones A, B and C, which is the area near the St. Johns River, Doctor's Lake and Black Creek, including the North and South prongs.

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: <http://public.claycountygov.com/evaczone/>. Remember that if you reside in a mobile home, you automatically live in an evacuation zone. Also be mindful that while your area may not become flooded, it may become isolated due surrounding water and lowlands.

Shelter Information:

Clay County's Special Needs Shelter are open - Lake Asbury Junior High, 2851 Sandridge Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 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
- Orange Park High School, 2300 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073 – This is a shelter that will allow pets.
- Wilkinson Elementary School, 4965 Co Rd 218, Middleburg, FL 32068
- Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School, 900 Orchid Ave, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 – This is a shelter that will allow pets.

What do you bring with you to the shelter? Please know that if you plan to go to a shelter, please bring your own supplies, food, water and limited personal comforts. There will be no beds and limited space to accommodate. You'll find a suggested checklist listed below:

- Water
 - Food
 - Clothing and bedding
 - Personal items – including toiletries
 - Medications
 - First-aid supplies
 - Important papers
 - Miscellaneous items like games, toys, battery powered radios, flashlights, batteries
 - If you bring a pet to the pet shelter, please bring a crate, food and water for your pet.
- You must register your pet at alert.claycountygov.com to go to a shelter that allows pets.

Now is the time to be ready. We have a limited amount of time before the expected strong impacts. Take this storm seriously and be ready. Pay close attention to local media for additional weather information. The County has activated its call center for citizens that have questions pertaining to this event. The Call Center, 904-284-7703, is open 24-hours a day to answer questions. The County's website is alert.claycountygov.com which includes information on special needs, know your zone and the County's alerting system.

Garbage Collections:

Do not put any waste materials, including garbage, trash cans, yard debris, recyclables, etc. outside a facility or home. Any materials outside have the potential to become projectile objects and a significant hazard to others. Garbage services will be suspended Monday, September 11 with plans to resume as soon as possible following the storm.

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

Closures:

- Clay County Schools will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Libraries will be closed Saturday, September 9, 2017 and Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Parks will be closed Sunday, September 10, 2017, and Monday, September 11, 2017.
- The Town of Orange Park Parks, including Magnolia Cemetery, will close at sundown Saturday, September 9, 2017, and Monday, September 11, 2017.

- Clay County Courthouse Operations will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017. In light of the courthouse closure on Friday and Monday, many court appearances have been rescheduled. Please view new court calendar information at www.clayclerk.com in the Announcements section.
- Clay County Property Appraiser's Office will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Tax Collector's Office will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Supervisor of Election's Office will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Government Offices will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Animal Care & Control Shelter will be closed Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

There are no longer sand or sandbags available in Clay County.

Clay County has been operating under a declared state of emergency since Thursday, September 7, 2017.

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.

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