

**Clay County Emergency Management
Hurricane Irma PSA #3
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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 Sunday afternoon. As of 7:00am Thursday, Clay County Officials declared a Local State of Emergency.

The Clay County Emergency Operations Center plans to upgrade its activation to a Level 2 – Partial Activation Friday morning. Full activation of the EOC will begin Saturday at 8:00 AM.

Shelter Information:

Clay County's Special Needs Shelter opens Saturday, September 9 at **8:00 am** - 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 open Saturday, September 9 at **noon** 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 the only 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

Now is the time to prepare, please discuss your family plan and ensure your disaster kits are ready. We have time a few days before the expected impacts. Take this storm seriously and be prepared. 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, that number is 904-284-7703. The County's website is alert.claycountygov.com which includes information on special needs, know your zone and the County's alerting system.

Evacuations:

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. Remember that if you reside in a mobile home, you automatically live in an evacuation zone.

Closures:

- Clay County Schools will be closed Friday, September 8 and 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.
- Clay County Courthouse Operations will be closed Friday, September 8, 2017 and Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Property Appraiser's Office will be closed Friday, September 8, 2017 and Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Clay County Tax Collector's Office will be closed Friday, September 8, 2017 and Monday, September 11, 2017.

Sandbags:

Sandbags are available in limited quantity. Sand is still available to county residents but you must bring your own bag or container. Sand operations will close Friday at 5:00 PM.

1. Middleburg Fire Station- 4003 Everett Avenue (sand only – no sandbags available)
2. Fleming Island Fire Station- 5995 Pine Avenue (sand only – no sandbags available)
3. Orange Park Athletic Association Sports Complex - 1086 Fromhart Street (limit of 10 bags per person)
4. Green Cove Springs Public Works Yard – 900 Gum Street
5. Keystone Heights City Hall – 555 South Lawrence Blvd.

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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