CITRUS COUNTY

EVACUATION LEVELS & SHELTERS

Hurricane Watch:
An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. The hurricane watch is typically issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Hurricane Warning:
An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. The hurricane warning is typically issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Source: National Hurricane Center (nhc.noaa.gov)

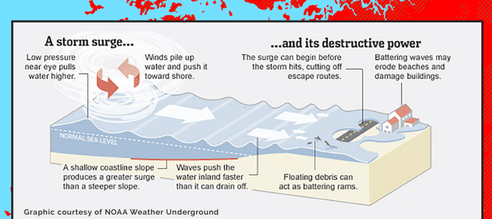
Your evacuation zone may have changed
KNOW YOUR ZONE A B C D E

LEGEND

EVACUATION LEVELS — **POTENTIAL STORM TIDE HEIGHTS (FT)**

- Level A - Evacuate red areas and all mobile home/RV residents — To 11'
- Level B - Evacuate red and orange areas and all mobile home/RV residents — To 20'
- Level C - Evacuate red, orange, and yellow areas and all mobile home/RV residents — To 25'
- Level D - Evacuate red, orange, yellow and green areas and all mobile home/RV residents — To 32'
- Level E - Evacuate red, orange, yellow, green and purple areas and all mobile home/RV residents — To 41'
- Evacuation Routes

SEVEN RIVERS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CITRUS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



Graphic courtesy of NOAA Weather Underground

THE COLORS BELOW DO NOT CORRELATE WITH THE EVACUATION LEVELS IDENTIFIED ON MAP.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale
Category 1 - 5

- 5 — WIND: 157 mph or higher; DAMAGE: Catastrophic damage will occur
- 4 — WIND: 130-156 mph; DAMAGE: Catastrophic damage will occur
- 3 — WIND: 111-129 mph; DAMAGE: Devastating damage will occur
- 2 — WIND: 96-110 mph; DAMAGE: Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage
- 1 — WIND: 74-95 mph; DAMAGE: Very dangerous winds will produce some damage

Graphic courtesy of NOAA

0 0.75 1.5 3 4.5 6 Miles

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USING YOUR COUNTY MAP

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
3. If you are in an evacuation area, or live in a mobile home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate.

   Your choices include:

   - ✓ Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation level
   - ✓ Hotel/motel outside the evacuation level (make arrangements early)
   - ✓ Go to a public shelter
   - ✓ As a last resort, leave the area entirely
4. If you must go to a public evacuation center, use your county map to decide which one is convenient.

   Make sure you verify that the shelter is open before you go.

HURRICANE THREAT

- ✓ The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is produced by water being pushed towards the shore by the force of the winds moving around the storm.
- ✓ Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life threatening situation for anyone who ignores evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- ✓ Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. The evacuation levels are color coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur.
- ✓ If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your family/pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave the evacuated area. Failure to obey an evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.

Note: All persons living in mobile homes/RVs must evacuate for all evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county, due to threat of tornado or high velocity winds.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Local authorities will give evacuation orders for areas with significant risk of damage resulting from a high wind or storm surge event. Evacuating unnecessarily can cause overcrowded shelters and traffic jams.

If you live in a sound structure outside of the evacuation area (especially if built since 2002 and it is not located in a flood prone area), sheltering in place is a practical option to consider. If you do not live in a mobile home or RV, **you can choose to remain in your home**.

Your shelter-in-place location should contain enough non-perishable food, blankets, communication equipment (such as radios), alternate power sources, first aid supplies, necessary medications, and any required durable medical equipment (e.g., hearing aid batteries, catheters) to allow self-sustainment in that location for a minimum of 72 hours.

For a detailed list of supplies recommended for home emergency supply kits, consult **ready.gov**.

AVAILABLE SPACE IN A SHELTER

Evacuation shelters are opened for the single purpose of protecting life. We open them based on the ability of that facility to withstand the forecasted wind effects and storm surge.

Evacuation shelters do not have generators and offer no services other than a very basic food provision, water, and a limited amount of floor space per person. It is a public environment where there are large numbers of people in close proximity to each other. There are no cots, pillows or blankets provided. Evacuees must bring their own bedding and supplies.

General population:
20 sq. ft. for themselves and all necessary belongings.

Medically-dependent (upon prior registration): 60 sq. ft. for themselves, one caregiver, and all necessary belongings.

CITRUS COUNTY FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Flood Insurance Mandatory Purchase Requirement Flood insurance is mandatory for all federal or federally related financial assistance for the acquisition and/or construction of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).

An SFHA is defined as any A or V flood zone on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Property owners can purchase building and contents coverage from any local property and casualty insurance agent. To find a local insurance agent that writes flood insurance in your area visit **floodsmart.gov**.

Citrus County provides flood zone information based on our community's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's). Citrus County provides information regarding flood zone designation, Letters of Map Amendments, copies of Elevation Certificates and/or Flood Proofing Certificates, Floodplain Determination Letters, historic flood information, mitigation activities, and retrofitting techniques.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) website provides a link to the current digital FIRM maps, which can be accessed and located by address via **gis.citrusbocc.com**.

For more information, contact:
Karla Grzeca, CFM at **karla.grzeca@bocc.citrus.fl.us** or **352-527-5310.**

EMERGENCY ALERT STATIONS

TELEVISION

WUFT - CH. 5	WCJB - CH. 28
WFLA - CH. 8	WTOG - CH. 44
WTSP - CH. 10	SPECTRUM -
WTVT - CH. 13	ALL CHANNELS

RADIO

WXVC - 95.3 FM	WRUF - 103.7 FM
WXOF - 96.3 FM	WRZN - 720 AM
WSKY - 97.3 FM	STRS - 920 AM
WKTK - 98.5 FM	WINV - 1560 AM

EVACUATION CENTERS - REFER TO MAP

NO.	SHELTER NAME	ADDRESS
1	PLEASANT GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	630 PLEASANT GROVE ROAD, INVERNESS
2	FOREST RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2927 NORTH FOREST RIDGE BLVD., HERNANDO
3	CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL	600 WEST HIGHLAND BLVD., INVERNESS
4	INVERNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL	206 SOUTH LINE AVENUE, INVERNESS
5	INVERNESS MIDDLE SCHOOL	1950 U.S. HIGHWAY 41 NORTH, INVERNESS
6	FLORAL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8457 EAST MARVIN STREET, FLORAL CITY
7	WITHLACOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE (RECEPTION CENTER)	1201 WEST MAIN STREET, INVERNESS
8	LECANTO PRIMARY SCHOOL	3790 WEST EDUCATIONAL PATH, LECANTO
9	LECANTO MIDDLE SCHOOL	3800 WEST EDUCATIONAL PATH, LECANTO
10	LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL	3810 WEST EDUCATIONAL PATH, LECANTO
11	HERNANDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2975 E TRAILBLAZER LANE, HERNANDO
12	CITRUS SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3570 WEST CENTURY BLVD., CITRUS SPRINGS
13	ROCK CRUSHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	814 SOUTH ROCK CRUSHER ROAD, HOMOSASSA
14	CREST SCHOOL	2600 SOUTH PANTHER PRIDE DRIVE, LECANTO
15	CITRUS SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL	150 WEST CITRUS SPRINGS BLVD., CITRUS SPRINGS
16	CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	3800 SOUTH LECANTO HIGHWAY, LECANTO
17	CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	185 WEST CITRUS SPRINGS BLVD., CITRUS SPRINGS
18	RENAISSANCE CENTER	3630 WEST EDUCATIONAL PATH, LECANTO

Special Needs Shelter Only

Pet-Friendly Shelters

NOT ALL SHELTERS MAY BE OPENED!

Citizens are urged to listen to local television or radio stations, or visit the Sheriff's Office website, **sheriffcitrus.org**, to find out which shelters are going to be opened.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

POLICE, FIRE, EMS EMERGENCIES	9-1-1
CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	352-726-4488
CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	352-249-2700
LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING	352-527-5200
CITRUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	352-527-0068
CITRUS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	352-527-5477
CITRUS COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES	352-746-8400
CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANIMAL CONTROL	352-249-2790
CITRUS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	352-527-7670
CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD	352-726-1931
CITRUS COUNTY BUILDING DIVISION/ FLOOD MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	352-527-5310
NATURE COAST VOLUNTEER CENTER	352-527-5959
CITY OF INVERNESS ADMINISTRATION	352-726-2611
CITY OF INVERNESS PUBLIC WORKS	352-726-2321
CITY OF INVERNESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	352-726-3401
CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER ADMINISTRATION	352-795-4216 x301
CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER PUBLIC WORKS	352-795-4216 x314
CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER BUILDING & ZONING	352-795-4216 x306
FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL	1-866-369-4613
FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION	904-359-6585
AMERICAN RED CROSS	1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
SALVATION ARMY (CITRUS COUNTY)	352-513-4960
UNITED WAY OF CITRUS COUNTY	352-795-LIVE (5483)
DUKE ENERGY (TO REPORT OUTAGES)	1-800-228-8485
SUMTER ELECTRIC COMPANY (TO REPORT OUTAGES)	1-800-732-6141
WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER ELECTRIC COOP (TO REPORT OUTAGES)	352-567-5133
CITIZEN INFORMATION & RUMOR CONTROL LINES OPEN DURING EMERGENCIES	352-249-2775 352-249-2776 352-249-2777

DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 FOR DISASTER INFORMATION