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Hurricane Milton: Preparing for Potential Impacts in Flagler County

October 7, 2024 – Flagler County officials are urging residents to finalize preparations for impacts expected Wednesday and Thursday from Hurricane Milton, currently a Category 5 storm.

While there will be time to safely complete preparations on Tuesday, residents are encouraged to complete preparations today, to include stocking up their emergency supplies, filling up their fuel tanks, and reviewing their plans should their neighborhood need to evacuate.

Weather Expectations:

We expect to see high-end Tropical Storm, and even potentially Hurricane force impacts on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

- Rain: 6-8” through Friday
- Wind: Tropical Storm / Hurricane Force possible Wed - Thu
- Storm Surge: 3-5 feet above normal tides possible Wed - Thu

Evacuations & Sheltering:

- Evacuation Orders are likely Wednesday morning for the areas identified at www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency
- Once the Evacuation Orders are issued residents seeks public sheltering will be able to go to Rymfire Elementary School, which will be our primary pet-friendly shelter.
- For residents, whose evacuation plans are to go to hotels/motels or stay with friends/family, we recommend you do so well before the evacuation orders are issued; preferably before Tuesday night – to help limit the traffic on the roads on Wednesday.

Government Closures:

A variety of government offices and programs will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, with the latest list available at www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency.

This list includes Flagler County Schools which is closing all schools and offices Wednesday through Friday.

Andy Dance
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Leann Pennington
District 4

Donald O'Brien, Jr.
District 5

Sandbags Available:

Local governments continue to provide sandbags with the latest locations and times that can be found at www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency

Staying Informed:

Please be sure to sign-up for our free **AlertFlagler** emergency notifications at www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency and like/follow us on social media to ensure that you get the latest updates:

- Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC
- Twitter.com/FlaglerEOC
- Instagram.com/FlaglerEOC

“Preparation is key in these situations, and we encourage everyone to take the necessary steps to safeguard their families and properties,” said Jonathan Lord, Flagler County Emergency Management Director. “Staying informed and proactive can make all the difference in ensuring your safety during a storm.”

For more information and updates, please visit flaglercounty.gov/emergency.

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