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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Port St. Lucie Advisory on Hurricane Irma #1

What: City of Port St. Lucie

When: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 2 p.m.

Where: City of Port St. Lucie City Hall

Why: Port St. Lucie is committed to ensuring the safety of citizens, and we're asking residents to prepare with us. Replenish your emergency supplies, know your family's emergency plan, review your important documents. The City of Port St. Lucie encourages all residents to monitor reliable sources of weather information, including the National Hurricane Center and the National Weather Service, to stay informed about the storm's track and intensity.

The City's emergency operations team has been meeting to prepare for any potential weather threat this week. The City is working closely with St. Lucie County officials and community partners and will provide status updates as necessary. **Port St. Lucie emergency officials will provide an update live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpsl/> at 2:30 p.m. today. Residents can post questions during the live session.**

As of 2 p.m. Tuesday, the City of Port St. Lucie has these important updates:

- The City's information hotline, **772-873-6397** is now activated. The city has set up a webpage at www.cityofpsl.com/irma where information for residents will be updated frequently. The City's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpsl/> and the City's Twitter page, <https://twitter.com/CityPortStLucie> also will have up-to-the-minute information.
- The City has begun preparations by checking all drainage culverts, ponds and other facilities to ensure they are cleaned out and clear. Staff is checking city vehicles and generators and filling them with gas. Department directors are meeting to ensure staff is coordinated and ready. The City's procurement department is checking and reviewing all open emergency-related contracts. Staff has begun to prepare to secure City facilities if needed.

- St. Lucie County is responsible for deciding how many and if shelters will be opened. Please check our website, we will post any shelter updates received from the County.
- The City must concentrate on securing its buildings and facilities. City staff will not be available to assist homeowners with their shutters. We encourage residents to reach out to local churches now to inquire about possible help with shutters.
- At this time, no sandbags are available for residents from the City's Public Works Department. Please continue to monitor the City's website and social media outlets to check to see if sandbags could be available later this week.
- Waste Pro is now operating on its regular pickup schedule. However, residents should NOT place any more vegetative yard debris out for pickup. Also, please do NOT place any bulk items, such as appliances or fencing, out for pickup. If your vegetative pickup day has already passed this week, Waste Pro will not make another pass at your property this week to pick up yard waste. Those residents should secure any other debris they have put by the curb since their regular pick up this week. Please do not call to be put on a yard waste pick up list. The lists from last week are now being serviced. Waste Pro will continue to work until winds reach 40 mph.

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The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 185,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com

