



Friday, September 8, 2017

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**City of Port St. Lucie Advisory on Hurricane Irma #8**

- What:** City of Port St. Lucie Update #8
- When:** Friday, September 8, 2017, noon
- Where:** City of Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd
- Why:** Port St. Lucie is committed to ensuring the safety of citizens, and we're asking residents to prepare with us. The City's emergency operations team continues to prepare for Hurricane Irma landfall and impact. The City continues to work closely with St. Lucie County officials and community partners and will provide status updates as necessary.

**As of noon Friday, the City of Port St. Lucie has these important updates:**

- The Special Port St. Lucie City Council meeting – the budget hearing – that was scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, is CANCELED. This meeting is tentatively rescheduled to Monday, Sept. 25, 2017. The Regular City Council meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 will still be held.
- **If residents have specific hurricane-related questions regarding Port St. Lucie, they can call 772-871-5225.** The City's information hotline, 772-873-6397 also is activated. The city has set up a webpage at [www.cityofpsl.com/irma](http://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.
- Waste Pro and the City have two waste trucks staged where residents can drop off existing yardwaste or trash. The trucks will be located at McChesney Park, 1585 SW Cashmere Blvd and Lyngate Park, 1301 SE Lyngate Dr. and will be available **until 4 p.m. today**. Please note that hazardous waste will not be accepted. There will be no waste collection after today, Friday, Sept.

8, until after the storm passes. **About 30 City of Port St. Lucie employees are out assisting Waste Pro today in collecting the large amount of waste that has been put out on curbs. Waste Pro employees have been working from 6 a.m. until midnight every day this week.**

- St. Lucie County will open the special needs shelter on Friday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m., which is located at the Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Residents planning to use the special needs shelter must pre-register at [www.stlucieco.gov/eoc](http://www.stlucieco.gov/eoc).  
**Port St. Lucie shelters are highlighted, all others are outside the City. The schedule for openings has been revised: Four general population shelters will open Friday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. including:**
  - Westwood High School, 1801 Angle Road, Fort Pierce, which will also serve as a pet-friendly shelter. Residents need to bring crates for their pets, as well as food, water and litter. All pets must have up-to-date vaccinations. Pets, along with their owners, will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.
  - Treasure Coast High School, 1000 SW Darwin Blvd. Port St. Lucie.
  - Westgate K-8 School, 1050 NE Cashmere Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
  - Fort Pierce Central High School, 4101 South 25th Street, Fort Pierce.  
**The rest of the general population shelters will open on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m.:**
  - Chester A Moore Elementary, 827 N 29th Street, Fort Pierce
  - Floresta Elementary, 1501 SE Floresta Drive, Port St Lucie
  - Lakewood Park Elementary, 7800 Indrio Road, Fort Pierce.
  - Morningside Elementary, 2300 SE Gowin Dr, Port St Lucie.
  - Oak Hammock Elementary, 1251 SW California Blvd, Port St Lucie.
  - Parkway Elementary School, 7000 NW Selvitz Rd, Port St Lucie.
  - Samuel S. Gaines Academy, 2250 S Jenkins Rd, Fort Pierce.

Residents are reminded that shelters are places of last resort. Those planning to stay at a shelter should bring food, water, blankets, pillows and medications.

- **SIGNAGE REMOVAL NOTICE:** All temporary signs that are not permanently installed can cause a safety hazard by becoming airborne projectiles. This includes all special events signs, political signs, real estate signs, etc. Upon notification of a tropical storm (or hurricane watch), the City will require that all such signs be removed. All signs must be fully removed when the official designation of 'watch' becomes a warning.

The City staff will begin pulling signs and discarding them once we are moved from a watch to a warning by the National Hurricane Center. You may replace your signs once the threat passes and our county is no longer in a designated watch or warning.

Some examples of temporary signs include:

Garage sale  
Political  
Special Events

Real Estate (For Sale/Rent)  
A-Frame

- The City distributed all its sandbags yesterday morning to residents. No more sandbags are available.
- The City's contractors on the Crosstown Parkway Extension Project has removed barricades around the project site. This is standard practice on road construction projects threatened by tropical weather, as they could be blown away, be damaged or create hazards to motorists or homeowners in the area. The City is asking the public to please continue to avoid the construction zone, even though barriers are not up. Residents and those using the intersection are asked to use extreme caution as it remains a dangerous construction site.

Please check the City's website for the latest information, closures, cancellations and helpful links:  
**[www.CityofPSL/Irma](http://www.CityofPSL/Irma)**

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