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## **Flood Update: Pasco County offers help for flood-affected residents**

*~Rainfall pattern appears to be returning to normal~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL**— Pasco County has extended the local State of Emergency through to Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Pasco County Emergency Management continues to monitor weather conditions. The water tables in Pasco County are currently at high levels, but water continues to percolate into the aquifer and is also evaporating. Less than two inches of rain is forecasted for today, but larger amounts are possible. Any additional rainfall could result in flooding in low lying areas, especially those that have experienced high water in the past.

### FLOOD CONDITIONS

National Weather Service update for Anclote River at Elfers

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=tbw&gage=ELFF1>

National Weather Service update for Withlacoochee River at Croom

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=tbw&gage=CRMFI>

### WEATHER

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Pasco County inland weather forecast from the National Weather Service:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?zoneid=FLZ049>

Pasco County coastal weather forecast from the National Weather Service:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Hudson&state=FL&site=TBW&textField1=28.3577&textField2=-82.6995>

### INFORMATION

Residents can get updated information by monitoring Pasco County's main webpage at [www.pascocountyfl.net](http://www.pascocountyfl.net), Pasco County Emergency Management's main page at [www.pascoemergencymanagement.com](http://www.pascoemergencymanagement.com), download the MyPasco App (see info below) or sign up for press releases through the Notify Me section under Press Releases <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/list.aspx> (see more information below).

Pasco County's Resident Information Center (RIC) is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist residents and visitors. The RIC's information line is (727) 847-2411.

### MOSQUITO CONCERNS

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) officials emphasize the importance of Florida's residents and visitors protecting themselves against mosquito-borne diseases. The public should remain diligent in preventative measures.

For more information on mosquito prevention <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/20980>

Pasco County Mosquito Control is taking action to address these concerns. To contact them with any questions, please call 727.376.4568.

### SAND BAGS

Sand bag operations remain open from the July/August flood event at the following locations:

Citizens must bring their own shovel to the self-serve sand bag locations, which are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- West Pasco Government Center, 7536 State Street, New Port Richey
- Fire Station #17, 2951 Seven Springs Blvd., New Port Richey
- W.H. Jack Mitchell Jr. Park, 4825 Cypress Lakes Blvd., New Port Richey
- Fire Station #10, 7918 Rhodes Rd., Hudson
- Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd., Hudson
- C- Barn on 30906 Warder Rd., San Antonio
- City of Zephyrhills Fire Station #1, 6907 Dairy Rd., Zephyrhills
- 6240 Pine Hill Rd., New Port Richey

### SAND BAG LOCATIONS NOW CLOSED

- Land O'Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes
- Land O'Lakes Recreation Center, 3032 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes
- Wesley Chapel District Park, 7727 Boyette Road

### SAND BAG DISPOSAL

Sand Bags which have been distributed to the general public and are no longer needed should be disposed of in the following manner: empty the sand bags by spreading the sand on your yard or flower beds. Once the sand bags are empty you may choose to dispose of the empty bags in your normal garbage for collection, or bring them to the County's Solid Waste location at 14230 Hays Road, Spring Hill, Florida.

### DEBRIS PICKUP

Residents who have flood related debris please contact the Resident Information Center (RIC) at 727-847-2411 to request debris pick up. After scheduling your pick up time, Pasco asks that homeowners place all debris materials at the curb or street side for roadside for pick up. Residents should be aware not to block fire hydrants, mailboxes, electrical boxes or any other structures and separated into the following categories: furniture, white goods (appliances), construction, and vegetation. Delayed pick-up is available for hazardous waste like: household chemicals, oil, gas, flammables, lawn & garden chemicals, televisions, computer monitors and towers.

The County will pick up items in flood-affected areas only.

Pasco County also has drop-off facilities open Monday through Saturday. For more information where residents can go to drop-off items, go to: <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=186>

### FLOOD RECOVERY CENTER

The Pasco County Flood Recovery Center (FRC) continues to provide support to flood affected residents in Pasco County. The FRC is located at 8620 Galen Wilson Boulevard, New Port Richey, Florida, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday.

As of September 1, 2015, the FRC has provided:

- Assistance to 288 households
- Hotel vouchers to 221 individuals

Flood affected residents may receive help with resources (*temporary housing, home repair, move-in assistance, long-term rental assistance*), cleanup, and replacement of essential items related to flooding. The FRC can also provide additional information and referrals as needed.

For questions about the FRC please contact the Resident Information Center (RIC) at 727.847.2411.

The FRC can provide assistance in several ways:

1. **Hotel vouchers** for up to two weeks (must apply by October 5, 2015), housing counselors will assist with additional needs.\*
2. **The State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP)**, which can help with rental assistance (first and last month's rent, security deposits)\*
3. **Utilities assistance**, which can help with utility deposits.\*
4. Displaced homeowners and tenants **temporary rental assistance**, which may help with up to a year of assistance (in three month increments.)\*
5. **The Pasco Fix Program**, which is for homeowners that need repairs on their homes. Homeowners must meet income qualifications, and have clear title to the property. This Program offers loans at a 0% interest rate, and payments would begin 10 years after the initial loan signing.\*
6. Pasco County has \$1.5 million in **SHIP funding**. If approved, additional programs MAY be available:
  - a. The Mortgage Insurance Deduction Program, which pays deductible payments for homeowners required by their insurance policy.\*
  - b. The New Construction Program, which pays for the reconstruction of homes or the replacement of mobile homes.
  - c. Down Payment Assistance, which pays for a family to relocate from an existing property that might be better served as a conservation lot.

\* - Please note: All these programs require an application process, and all these programs must meet income guidelines and funding requirements.

To help flood-affected residents, the Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) staff will be at the FRC to answer transportation questions and to offer free bus passes for residents needing transportation to the FRC. Residents that need transportation to the FRC can also go to any PCPT fixed route bus stop and tell the bus driver that they need to go the FRC. The driver will then issue them free bus tickets covering the trip to and from the Flood Recovery Center. PCPT's fixed route bus system map is online at [www.ridepcpt.com](http://www.ridepcpt.com). For individuals with disabilities who need transportation to the FRC, please call the PCPT Paratransit line at 727.834.3322 to arrange transportation.

For more information about flooding in Pasco County go to the following:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=2272>

### MY PASCO APP

- The new aPP is designed for Android, Apple, and Blackberry mobile products. Go to Google Play and the Apple Store and search for keyword MyPasco. *Todos los comunicados de prensa relacionados con las inundaciones y boletines informativos están disponibles en la aplicación de MyPasco. La aplicación ha sido diseñada para celulares Android, Apple, y Blackberry. La puede descargar gratis en Google Play o por medio de Apple Store.*
- SPANISH/OTHER LANGUAGES: All press releases are available on MyPasco app. The app will automatically translate on smart phones to the chosen language. MyPasco app translates into Spanish and 70 other languages. For more information about the MyPasco app go to this link: <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2248>

### NOTIFY ME

- Stay updated from Pasco County Government by signing up for the Notify Me email notifications. Click on the following link <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/list.aspx> and sign up under the News Flash Emergency Management or receive all press releases for the County under Pasco County Homepage News Releases.

### PASCO TELEVISION

Updates and Live press conferences can also be seen on Pasco County TV (Bright House Networks channel 643 or Verizon channel 42.)

### FACEBOOK

The County updates emergency information on the Pasco County Facebook page at the following link [www.Facebook.com/pascocounty](http://www.Facebook.com/pascocounty)

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