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Hurricane Irma: Friday 6 p.m. update

General Info

- The EOC will go to Level 2: Partial Activation on Saturday at 8 a.m.
- There have been 13,000 total calls to the Citizens Information Line. It can be reached at 352-253-9999 through the weekend from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- The Property Appraiser estimates \$28 million in damage countywide.
- There are currently 13,950 customers without power in Lake County.

Lake County Transit

- LakeXpress fixed-route bus services are operating as normal and will resume Monday. Fares have been suspended until Sept. 19.
- Lake County Connection will provide ADA and life-sustaining trips only until further notice.
- Contact the Citizens Information Line with any Public Transit questions at 352-253-9999.

Lake County Garbage Collection

- The county has been mobilizing resources to pick-up storm-related debris at no charge to residents.
- Residents may bring storm-related vegetative debris to the Central Landfill Facility or convenience centers for disposal, free of charge.
- The Central Landfill Facility, 13130 County Landfill Road, Tavares is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days per week, until further notice.
- All other convenience centers will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until further notice. Locations are as follows:
 - 200 Jackson St., Lady Lake
 - 54711 Astor Transfer Station Road, Astor
 - 25014 Rancho Lane, Paisley
 - 10435 Log House Road, Clermont
 - 32520 W. State Road 44, Deland

- Alternately, storm debris can be left at the curb for pickup by the county's contractor over the next few weeks, free of charge.
- All residential disposal fees have been suspended until Oct. 2.
- Be aware that outside contractors who approach residents seeking payment for storm debris removal are not affiliated with Lake County.
- If anyone is asked by their residential hauler for additional payment to remove debris, do not pay and immediately call 352-253-9999 to report this potentially fraudulent activity.

Burning

- Lake County Fire Rescue asks residents to refrain from burning vegetative storm debris. Many residents remain without power and have their windows open. Smoke can cause upper respiratory issues. In addition, outdoor burning can tie up fire resources needed for emergency purposes.

Boating

- Lake water levels are high after Hurricane Irma. Treat all lakes as a no-wake zone and proceed at a speed no greater than what is required to maintain steerageway and headway to avoid flooding nearby homes. An official no-wake zone is in effect and being enforced on the St. Johns River in Astor until further notice.

For Astor Residents

- Astor residents are under a voluntary evacuation order due to flooding.
- Lake County's comfort station, located at the Astor Boat Ramp, 55400 Butler St., is offering water, hand-washing stations, portable toilets and showers from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. The limit is one case of water per household and is for Astor residents only; identification may be required.
- A curfew, enforced by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, is in effect from 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. and does not apply to Astor residents, medical professionals and first responders.
- Sandbags are available 24/7 at Lake County Fire Station 10, located at 23023 State Road 40, Astor.

Disaster Assistance

- Register for Disaster Assistance by visiting www.DisasterAssistance.gov or calling 800-621-FEMA (3362).
- Have this information ready when you apply: Social Security number; address; description of the damage; information about insurance coverage; phone number; bank account & routing numbers for direct deposit of funds.

Social Media

- Follow www.facebook.com/LakeCountyFLEmergencyManagement for the latest information.