



NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Volusia County Media Line: 386-226-7890

Hurricane Irma Update 11

Shelters, transportation

- There is still room at shelters in Volusia County. Shelter locations are posted at www.volusia.org/pin.
- Votran is not running its normal routes Sunday and Monday.
- Votran has limited capability to take people to shelters this morning. Service is upon request and based on weather conditions. Call Votran at 386-761-7700, 386-943-7033 or 386-424-6800.
- About 4,200 people stayed in shelters overnight in Volusia County. That includes law enforcement, shelter staff, and caregivers and family members for those with special needs.
- Oxygen-dependent residents going to a special needs shelter, should bring their own oxygen.
- Heritage Middle School is a special needs shelter and has no more capacity for those who are oxygen dependent or need electricity.

Curfew

- The time for the countywide curfew is from 9 p.m. Sunday through noon Monday, depending on weather and road conditions.

Bridges to the beachside

- The bridges to the beachside will close in both directions when there are sustained winds of 39 miles per hour.

Safety during and after the storm

- Stay inside today and through the storm. We expect conditions to improve by Monday afternoon.
- People should not walk on the beach or go in the ocean today and in the coming days. Beach officials are flying the double-red flag. After the storm, please wait for an announcement that it is safe to visit the beach. There may be debris in the water and along the shore
- Volusia County beaches are closed to vehicular access.
- Watch out for debris and downed power lines. Power lines may look "dead" but could be energized.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of fast-moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Avoid flood water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines and may hide dangerous debris or places where the ground is washed away.
- Anyone affected by a storm should follow safe practices related to generators, grills, camp stoves and other gasoline, propane, natural gas and charcoal-burning devices. These devices should never be used inside a home, basement, garage or camper – or even outside near an open window or window air conditioner.

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- Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that can cause sudden illness and death if present in sufficient concentration in the air. During a significant power outage, persons using generators and gasoline-powered engine tools might be exposed to toxic carbon monoxide levels if the fuel or power sources are placed inside or too close to the exterior of the building.
- If using a generator, follow the directions supplied with the generator. Do not use portable generators indoors, including inside a garage.

Trash

- If you have trash containers outside, bring them inside and secure them.

Citizen Information Center

- The Citizens Information Center is available for people to call with questions or concerns. The number is 866-345-0345.