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Recommended Voluntary Evacuations West of U.S. 19 in Pasco

~~Pasco County to open Fasano Hurricane Shelter ahead of Hurricane Michael~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- [Pasco County Emergency Management](#) is recommending voluntary evacuations for certain residents of Pasco County, as potentially life-threatening storm surge from Hurricane Michael is expected to occur along the county's Gulf coast overnight Tuesday into Wednesday evening. Vulnerable coastal areas are expected to be impacted regardless of the storm's exact track or strength.

The following residents should evacuate:

- Anyone living **west of U.S. 19** in areas vulnerable to potential storm surge
- **Special Needs Residents** living west of U.S. 19
- Anyone in **low-lying areas** along rivers or inland areas that have experienced flooding in the past
- Anyone living in a building that has experienced flooding following heavy rain events

The recommended evacuation map for those residents vulnerable to storm surge can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/2gNZTd1>.

You should first attempt to find shelter with neighbors, relatives or friends. If that is not an option, you can self-evacuate directly to the **Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter**, located at **11611 Denton Avenue in Hudson**. The pet-friendly shelter will open Tuesday, October 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to leave their home ahead of Hurricane Michael.

Pasco County will provide transportation for residents needing special assistance getting to the shelter. Just call **Pasco County Customer Service** at 727.847.2411.

To help protect property from high water, the following self-serve sandbag locations are open 24 hours a day, until further notice:

- **Fire Station #17**, 2951 Seven Springs Blvd, New Port Richey
- **Veterans Memorial Park**, 14333 Hicks Rd, Hudson
- **Magnolia Valley Golf Course Clubhouse**, 7223 Massachusetts Ave, New Port Richey
- **C-Barn**, 30908 Warder Road, San Antonio

Pasco County residents can call the **Pasco County Customer Service** line with any questions or concerns at **727.847.2411**. Customer Service is open 24-hours a day, until further notice.

Visit www.mypasco.net and follow Pasco County social media for updates on Hurricane Michael and for the latest actions Pasco County is taking. Citizens are also encouraged to visit the [Pasco County Emergency Management](http://PascoCountyEmergencyManagement.com) website for more information about preparing for hurricanes or other disasters: pascoemergencymanagement.com.

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