St. Johns County Monitoring and Preparing for Tropical Storm Hermine

St. Johns County, Fl – St. Johns County Administration, the Emergency Management Division, and all departments are proactively monitoring the progress of Tropical Storm Hermine and preparing for the impact it will have on our community. The County has declared a Local State of Emergency and as of the 11am advisory from the National Hurricane Center St. Johns County is under a Tropical Storm Warning. The County is expecting to experience Tropical Storm conditions beginning Thursday evening and potentially extending through mid-day Friday.

Weather impacts may include:

- Sustained winds of 39 – 50 mph
- Rainfall totals of 5- 7 inches
- Isolated tornadoes
- Potential power outages

For their safety and well-being, St. Johns County is asking residents to take the following precautionary measures:

- Continue to monitor local weather forecasts
- Secure loose items in your yard
- Update and inventory your hurricane supply kit, for information on hurricane supply kits visit www.sjcemergencymanagement.com.
- Please complete all hurricane preparedness activates by early afternoon to limit traffic on roadways as weather begins to deteriorate.

Sand Bags

St. Johns County is providing free sandbags at five locations throughout the County for the public in preparation for Tropical Storm Hermine. The sand and the bags will be provided free of charge. Residents must provide their own transportation and shovels, and will be responsible for filling their own bags. There is a maximum allocation of 25 bags per person. The sand and
bags are available between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For additional information, please call 904.209.0246.

- Ron Parker Park - 607 Old Beach Road.
- Sims Pit - 536 S. Holmes Boulevard.
- Town of Hastings Town Hall - 6195 S. Main Street, behind the building.
- Mills Field - 1805 Racetrack Road, in the overflow parking area.
- Palm Valley - Under the Palm Valley Bridge on the east side of the Intracoastal Waterway.

**Beaches**

Red Flag conditions exist on all St. Johns County beaches and Marine Rescue is advising beachgoers to not enter the ocean. Lifeguards towers will not be staffed for the duration of the storm. However, Marine Rescue zone patrols will be continuing.

**Power Outages**

To report power outages or receive information on power outages, residents are asked to contact their utility provider. FPL 1-800.468.8243, JEA 904.665.6000. **Please do not call 911.**

The St. Johns County Emergency Management staff will remain at the EOC for the duration of the storm to monitor impacts to facilities, programs, and services. Up-to-date storm response information will be posted at [www.sjcfl.us](http://www.sjcfl.us), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SJCFL](http://www.facebook.com/SJCFL), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/StJohnsCounty](http://www.twitter.com/StJohnsCounty) and [https://twitter.com/StJohnsEOC](https://twitter.com/StJohnsEOC), and on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/St.JohnsCounty](http://www.instagram.com/St.JohnsCounty). For more information on storm preparedness, including evacuation zones and shelters, please visit [www.sjecemergencymanagement.com](http://www.sjecemergencymanagement.com).

If you have any questions or concerns you can call the St. Johns County Citizens Information Center at 904.824.5550

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