

ST. JOHNS COUNTY  
COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

2016

**Appendix O**  
**Media Releases**





# St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Communications Division

Date  
For Immediate Release

## Evacuation Order Issued for St. Johns County Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Johns County, FL** – Category \_\_ Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ is expected to make landfall in/near St. Johns County on \_\_\_\_\_. The National Hurricane Center has issued a Hurricane Warning for \_\_\_\_\_ (location). Due to the dangerous storm surge and winds predicted to accompany this storm the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners has issued a **Mandatory Evacuation** order for the following evacuation zones:

- Evacuation Zone \_\_ (include a geographic description)
- Evacuation Zone \_\_ (include a geographic description)
- All persons living in mobile/manufactured homes, RVs/Campers, and boats.

**The following Hurricane Evacuation Shelters will open at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Pedro Menendez High School            600 State Road 206
- Timberlin Creek Elementary            555 Pine Tree Ln.  
*Pet Friendly Shelter*
- Pacetti Bay Middle School            245 Meadowlark Lane  
*Special Needs Shelter*

If you live in Evacuation Zones \_\_, \_\_, or \_\_ please prepare your home and evacuate the area immediately. Please check on your neighbors and if necessary, assist them in evacuating. If you need transportation to a shelter, call \_\_\_\_\_.

If you are unsure of your evacuation zone please go to the following link <http://www2.gis.bocc.co.st-johns.fl.us/MYEZ/> after entering your address the site will indicate what evacuation zone you are in or if you are not in a zone at all.

Residents not in an evacuation zone should prepare their homes and remain indoors as weather conditions deteriorate.

St. Johns County residents should monitor the situation closely as conditions can rapidly change. A citizen's information line has been established at 904.824.5550; you can also find up-to-date

information on the St. Johns County Emergency Management Website  
[www.sjcemergencymanagement.org](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.org) or on Twitter @StJohnsEOC

###

**For additional Information, please contact:**

Linda Stoughton, Director of Emergency Management - 904.501.6378  
Michael Ryan, Director of Communications - 904.209.0549 / 214.493.2983



# St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Communications Division

**Date**  
**For Immediate Release**

## **St. Johns County Monitoring and Preparing for \_\_\_\_\_**

**St. Johns County, FL** – St. Johns County Administration, the Emergency Management Division, and all departments are proactively monitoring the progress of \_\_\_\_\_ and preparing for the impact it will have on our community. For the safety and well-being of residents and visitors, St. Johns County is taking several precautionary measures:

### **Emergency Management**

The St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center is operating at a Level 3 monitoring status, and is actively observing the storm and any potential threats to the community. Emergency Management staff has been in close contact with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, National Weather Service Jacksonville, and the National Hurricane Center since Saturday and will remain at the Emergency Operations Center for the duration of the storm.

### **Sand Bags**

St. Johns County is providing free sandbags at five locations throughout the County for the public in preparation for Tropical Storm Colin. 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 50 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 Closed to Vehicular Access**

Vehicular beach access is prohibited on St. Augustine Beach, Crescent Beach, Butler Beach, Vilano Beach, and Porpoise Point \_\_\_\_\_. Beach gates are locked and all travel infrastructure will be removed for the duration of the storm. Additionally, trash and recycling cans are secured, and cones and signs are removed. Toll booths will also be closed during this time. The beaches will remain open to pedestrian visitors and vehicular access is subject to change with improved weather conditions.

### **Power Outages**

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

### **Road and Bridge**

The St. Johns County Road and Bridge Division will remain staffed for response through \_\_\_\_\_, and will continue to monitor debris and roadway conditions throughout the duration of the storm.

### **Marine Rescue**

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 patrols will be occurring.

### **Summer Camp**

A decision to cancel St. Johns County sponsored Summer Camps will be made in conjunction with the St. Johns County School System's determination to hold or cancel summer school on \_\_\_\_\_. If summer school is cancelled, Summer Camps will also be cancelled. All parents and guardians of summer camp participants will receive an email providing notification should cancellation occur.

The St. Johns County Emergency Management staff will remain in close contact with all departments, including Public Works, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, and Fire Rescue, 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>, 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.sjcemergencymanagement.com](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.com).

###

**For additional information, please contact:**

Michael Ryan, Director of Communications	-	904.209.0549 / 214.493.2983
Sarah Hand, Communications Specialist	-	904.209.0557
Heather Bailey, Communications Specialist	-	904.209.0555



# St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Communications Division

Date  
For Immediate Release

## Evacuation Order Lifted for St. Johns County Areas Opened for Limited Re-entry

**St. Johns County, FL** – The Evacuation Order for Evacuation Zones \_\_, \_\_, and \_\_ for St. Johns County has been lifted. The National Hurricane Center has canceled all watches and warnings.

Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ has caused extensive damage to the following areas:

- 
- 

As a result those areas have limited re-entry to residents and business owners only.

**Under the direction of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, only residents or business owners with proof of residency/ownership (i.e re-entry tags, driver's license, current utility bill, etc.) will be allowed re-entry**

Residents of these areas should be prepared to stop at a security checkpoint at the following locations to gain re-entry:

- 
- 

Persons found in these areas without authorization will be arrested as looters and trespassers.

St. Johns County residents may find up-to-date information on the St. Johns County Emergency Management website [www.sjcemergencymanagement.org](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.org), on Twitter @StJohnsEOC or by calling 904-824-5550.

###

### For additional information, please contact:

Linda Stoughton, Director of Emergency Management - 904.501.6378  
Michael Ryan, Director of Communications - 904.209.0549 / 214.493.2983



## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Communications Division

**Date**  
**For Immediate Release**

### **Recommended Evacuation for (Name of Fire) Wildfire**

**St. Johns County, FL** – A wildfire is burning in the area of \_\_\_\_\_. Fire Rescue and Florida Forest Service personnel are on scene establishing a perimeter. The fire is \_\_\_\_\_ % contained and moving \_\_\_\_\_.

Residential and Commercial structures are threatened by the fire and officials are recommending residents in the \_\_\_\_\_ areas evacuate. If you live in this area you and your family (including your pets) are encouraged to leave the area immediately. Go to the home of a friend or relative outside the evacuated area or to the following shelter which has been opened for those being evacuated: \_\_\_\_\_ . Please check on your neighbors and if necessary, assist them in evacuating the area. If you need transportation, call \_\_\_\_\_ .

St. Johns County School District students who ride the bus and live in the affected area will be transported to \_\_\_\_\_. Parents may pick up their children at \_\_\_\_\_.

The evacuation is NOT mandatory at this time, however residents who choose to remain home should be prepared to evacuate with little or no notice if fire conditions worsen.

For your safety and the safety of the firefighters, please avoid this area as streets are blocked and traffic is restricted due to the rapidly moving fire and active firefighting operations. If you are near the fire area, please follow the directions of emergency response personnel.

Area residents should monitor the situation closely as conditions are rapidly changing. A citizen's information line has been established at 904.824.5550, you can also find up-to-date information on the St. Johns County Emergency Management Website [www.sjcemergencymanagement.org](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.org)

###

#### **For additional Information, please contact:**

Linda Stoughton, Director of Emergency Management - 904.501.6378  
Jeremy Robshaw, St. Johns County Fire Rescue – 904.484.6026