

Public Service Announcement

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Mandatory Evacuation Called

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga.- The Glynn County Board of Commissioners has called for a <u>mandatory</u> <u>evacuation</u> for <u>ALL OF GLYNN COUNTY</u> effective at 8:00 a.m., Friday, September 8, 2017, in anticipation of Hurricane Irma. <u>Residents should evacuate immediately.</u>

Following Governor Deal's declaration of a State of Emergency, the Glynn County Board of Commissioners and the City of Brunswick have issued a State of Emergency for Glynn County. County offices and courts will be closed starting 12:00 noon on Friday, September 8, and will remain closed on Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12.

Impacts from Hurricane Irma are expected to be felt in Glynn County beginning Saturday night. As the storm gets closer to our area, impacts will continue to amplify. Damaging winds, heavy rain, and flooding are likely. Life threatening storm surge is possible with large destructive surf. Dangerous rip currents and significant beach erosion is anticipated. These weather conditions are likely to cause downed trees and power outages that could last for several days.

Republic Services is suspending trash collection immediately for Glynn County and the City of Brunswick and will not pick up any garbage, recycling, and yard waste until further notice. Residents are requested to have their solid waste containers tied down and secured prior to evacuating.

The Need a Ride Program has been activated for Glynn County and will remain in effect on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9. People who need a ride should go to pick up points listed below from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. If people need to evacuate pets through the Need a

Ride Program, you will need to report to the Lanier Plaza pick up area. You will be taken to the nearest Red Cross shelter.

The Need a Ride pick up location are:

- Mary Ross Park
- Colonial Mall
- United Pentecostal Church
- Harris Teeter (St. Simons Island)
- Bay Harbor Church of God
- Lanier Plaza (Pet Pick-up)

Please contact the Red Cross for a list of available shelters at <u>http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery/find-an-open-shelter</u>. There will be <u>no shelters in Glynn</u> <u>County</u>, other coastal counties, or counties immediately adjacent to coastal counties in accordance with guidelines provided by the Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

If you are planning to evacuate to a shelter, you should bring any prescription medications, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, important documents and other comfort items. You should also include any special items for children such as diapers, formula and toys, and items needed by family members with unique needs.

The Glynn County Animal Control Department is closed and has stopped intake. They will evacuate the animals currently at the shelter to safety.

A map of evacuation routes for Glynn County is attached. For more information on storm related concerns, please visit: <u>https://glynncounty.org/773/Severe-Weather-TS-Hurricane-Updates</u>. A link is also available in the Emergency Alert Banner on <u>www.glynncounty.org</u>.

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