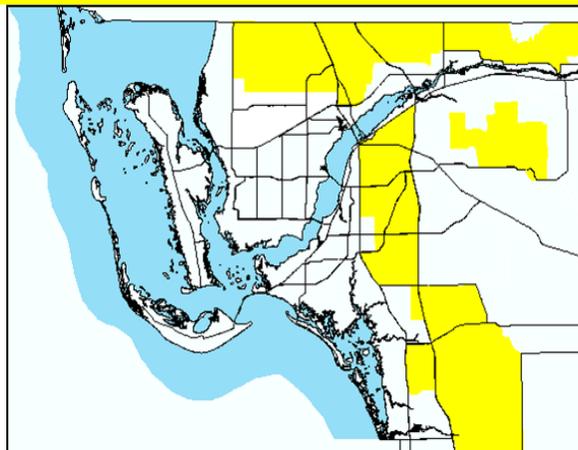


## EVACUATION ZONE C

### Overview

Zone C is vulnerable to hurricane impacts. A large and/or powerful hurricane from the Gulf may require evacuations for surge and/or wind. Well constructed buildings may be safe in many circumstances.



### What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

While the risk is less, Zone C is still vulnerable to potentially fatal levels of storm surge flooding. Since foundations here may not be as strong as areas closest to the water, homes may fail when flooded. Wind can pose a danger to unprepared or poorly constructed homes.

### When Will I Be Ordered to Evacuate?

Zone C will be evacuated later than Zone A or Zone B. This will allow decision makers more time to safely evaluate options to either evacuate or hunker down. Even though later in timing, weather will still be calm and time will be sufficient to move to safety **if you are prepared**.

### What Might Happen if I Ignore Evacuation Orders?

While evacuation in Zone C may be less frequent, you are gambling your life, and the lives of those who stay with you against significant odds, if you ignore evacuation orders. Additionally, it is unlikely that you can protect your property if you stay, so you will be risking your life with little in return. Emergency services will be unavailable for extended periods. If you get into trouble, you will have to wait for the storm to pass out of the County before help can come.

### What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

Any flood waters will rise quickly, but recede very slowly. That water, and the ground, will be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be out for an extended period and, when restored, many houses may be unable to receive power due to damage. Some homes in this zone use wells and septic tanks. Wells will be inoperable and unsafe if they were flooded. Septic tanks will not function and will add to the contamination of the area.

### Can't I Leave After the Storm Passes?

If you survive, leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Streets, major roads and bridges may sustain damage due to surge flooding. Roads that survive will be covered in flood water, debris or both. These issues will also delay emergency response.

### So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

Your safer plan is to evacuate if directed to do so. Know where you will go, how you will get there and what you will carry. Plan to return only when it is safe to do so. If you are not ordered to evacuate and stay home, make sure your windows and doors are protected against the wind.

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LeeEOC.com offers a variety of resources that provide useful information:



Our Facebook page offers preparedness information in addition to emergency information in real time. Find us at [www.facebook.com/LCEMFL](http://www.facebook.com/LCEMFL)



Lee County Emergency Management operates two different twitter accounts:  
**@LeeEOC**- offers purely emergency information  
**@LCEMFL**- offers this information as well as other general info.



**LeeEvac** is our *FREE* app, available on Apple and Android. It allows users to find their evacuation zone. It can locate the users by GPS or the user can search by address. It can also push evacuation notifications straight to the device in real-time.



**Know Your Zone Portal:** This portal allows users to input their address to find their evacuation zone. There are also designated badges for each zone, which users can save on their computer or share on social media.



**SMS Text Alerts:** Located at the top of [LeeEOC.com](http://LeeEOC.com), users can enter their phone number to receive 'Breaking News' updates via text message.



**Code Red:** Code red is a *FREE* Lee County service by which residents and businesses are notified by telephone, text, and/or email regarding emergencies or critical protective actions required to safeguard life and property. Sign up at [LeeEOC.com](http://LeeEOC.com)

Other available resources:

**Family Preparedness Plan:** This is a comprehensive, easy-to-use template to create a Plan.

**Special Needs Program Application:** The Special Needs Program provides shelter or transportation for Lee County residents who live in a home and/or area that is not safe from storm surge or wind during a Tropical Storm or Hurricane.

**All-Hazards Guide:** This guide includes an overview of preparedness tools, sheltering information, and recovery resources.



**Volunteer Application:** Our volunteer program provides an array of volunteer services including internships, office assistance and emergency management opportunities.

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