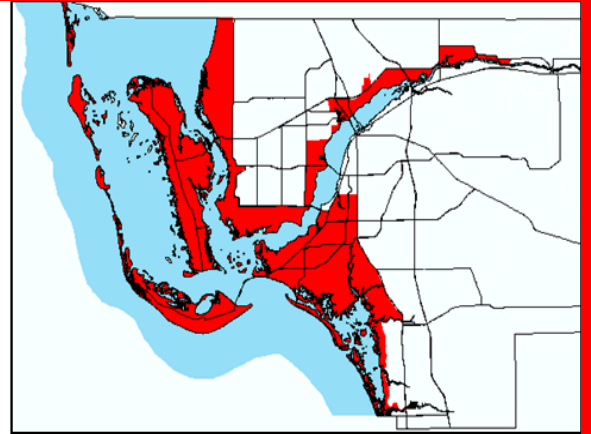


EVACUATION ZONE A

Overview

Zone A is our most vulnerable area and will be first to be impacted for a land-falling storm. Evacuation is often required for **any named storm** coming from the Gulf, and may also be necessary for exiting storms.



What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

Due to the low elevation and proximity to beaches and other tidal waters (rivers, creeks and canals), potentially fatal storm surge and large, crashing waves are the most extreme dangers. However, winds will also be highest in Zone A and pose additional dangers.

When Will I Be Ordered to Evacuate?

Zone A will be the first area ordered to evacuate. This will most likely come early in any storm event, when the skies are clear and the weather seems fine.

What Might Happen if I Ignore Evacuation Orders?

You are gambling your life, and the lives of those who stay with you, against very high odds. Also, it is highly unlikely that you can protect your property if you stay, so you will be risking your life for no return. Emergency services will be unavailable for the longest time in Zone A. When you get into trouble, you will have to wait not only for the storm to leave your area, but to move through the rest of the County as well before help can come.

What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

The flood waters that came up quickly will recede very slowly. That water, and the ground, will be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be out for a long time and, even when restored, many houses will be unable to receive power due to damage sustained in the storm. Tap water, if available at all, will be unsafe for drinking, bathing or cooking.

Can't I Leave After the Storm Passes?

If you survive, leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Since Zone A receives the most devastating impacts, travel is even more difficult than in other areas. Most vehicles will not be operable. Streets, major roads and bridges will sustain heavy damage, or fail entirely, due to surge and waves. Roads that do survive will be covered in flood water, debris or both. These same problems will delay emergency responders as well, compounding your problems.

So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

Your only safer plan is to evacuate when directed to do so. Make a plan and prepare a survival kit. Leave when asked, or sooner, if you can. Know where you will go, how you will get there and what you will carry. Finally, plan to return only when it is safe to do so.

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Technology is turning the tide of emergency communications. Individuals and agencies, including Lee County Emergency Management, have begun actively using these new tools. These new devices have increased transparency in that we are now able to engage our community in a different environment, allowing more feedback at the local level.

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



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, 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

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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