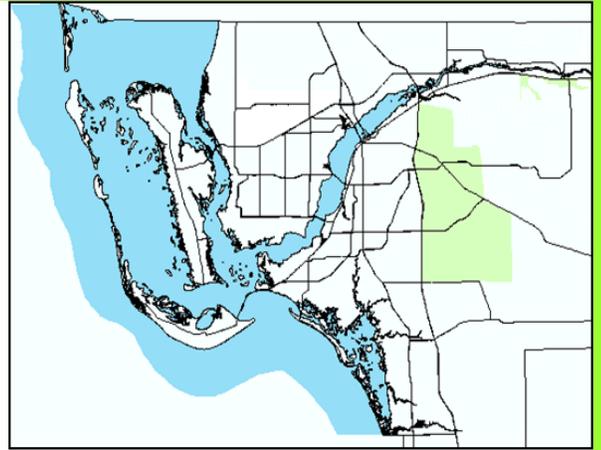


EVACUATION ZONE D

Overview

Zone D is one of our least vulnerable Evacuation Zones. Well prepared and protected buildings should be safe in most events. However, if evacuations are required, the safest option may be to travel to the east coast.



What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

Wind, including tornados, is the most significant danger in Zone D. Also, heavy rains can flood homes and roads. Freshwater flooding, while uncomfortable, is survivable. A **major hurricane** could create saltwater surge flooding in some areas and also require evacuations.

When Will I Be Ordered to Evacuate?

Zone D will be one of the last areas evacuated. However, if evacuations are ordered, greater distances, and more time, may be required. **Time may appear excessive, but it is not!** Time will be sufficient to move to safety **if you are prepared.**

What Might Happen if I Ignore Evacuation Orders?

While Evacuation for surge is unlikely, it may be required in major events. However, wind is the most common hazard. Wind damage can result in the total destruction of your home, leaving you exposed to the storm or trapped in the rubble. Either case puts your safety, even your life, in jeopardy. If you get into trouble, emergency services will be unavailable or delayed.

What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

Flood water will recede very slowly. The water, and the ground, will be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be off due to damage and accessibility issues. Many 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 contamination of the area.

Can I Leave After the Storm Passes?

Leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Roads and bridges may sustain damage to the road bed. 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?

Remain in your home if it is strong against the expected wind, with window and door protection. Evacuate if your home is unsafe or you are 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 stay, make sure you understand that electricity will be off and emergency services will be delayed. Make sure you are prepared to face and overcome these obstacles.

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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



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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