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**Hurricane Ian update from Lee County**

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 28, 2022 – Lee County has the following updates this morning on Hurricane Ian:

If you need to get to a shelter, proceed with caution as conditions worsened overnight, and drivers may encounter debris and squalls.

About 3,800 people have evacuated to Lee County shelters.

Don't put your trash, recycling or yard waste out today. Lee County has just announced haulers also will not collect on Thursday.

If you have an emergency or perceived emergency, you should still call 911 even if high winds prevent in-person emergency responses.

- If you call 911 and it's an emergency, during the time of high winds, Lee County has chief medical staff to assist callers.
- Non-urgent 911 calls will be connected via 911 to Telehealth for assistance.

From Law Enforcement Partners: As weather conditions deteriorate, law enforcement encourages you to stay off roads. High winds, low visibility and potential downed trees and powerlines exist.

From Fire District Partners: All responding agencies have stopped responses due to current weather conditions and for the safety of our first responders. You can still call 911. Calls will be prioritized so that once conditions are safe enough, responses will resume. Response decisions will be made as Hurricane Ian continues to move through the area.

Residents are asked to monitor local media and meteorologists' reports and to check [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm) for Hurricane Ian updates. Follow @Lee County Government on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc](http://www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc).