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**Lee County expands evacuation orders for portions of Zone C**

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 27, 2022 – Lee County has expanded evacuation orders to add parts of Evacuation Zone C.

This latest order covers the portion of Zone C that lies in North Cape Coral and the portion of Zone C in North Fort Myers that is west of Interstate 75. Please note that many parts of North Cape and North Fort Myers are not in Zone C, so residents need to visit the website to identify their zone. Go to [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm).

The county asks that residents who are now under evacuation orders take action immediately for their own safety.

Based on the current National Hurricane Center forecast, Hurricane Ian is predicted to hit Southwest Florida as a Category 3 with the potential for 8 to 12 feet of storm surge for Lee County, regardless of where the storm makes landfall.

The National Weather Service anticipates the following here in Lee County:

- Potential winds of greater than 110 mph.
- Structural damage to sturdy buildings, with some complete roof and wall failures.
- Large trees snapped or uprooted and many roads impassable from trees and debris.
- Potential destruction of mobile homes regardless their location within the county.
- Widespread power outages.

Do not wait until the last minute. This will create more traffic on roadways in deteriorating weather conditions and could create long lines at shelters for the registration process during wind and rain.

Earlier today, evacuations were ordered for all of Zone A and all of Zone B. A list of shelters is at [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm). Residents also are encouraged to shelter with family and friends.

Officials provided evacuation update at 1:45 p.m. today from the Emergency Operations Center. To watch the update, visit [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm), scroll down to “social media and news updates” and click on “video.”