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Lee County orders evacuations for some residents, opens some shelters in advance of Hurricane Ian

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 27, 2022 – Lee County is issuing evacuation orders for barrier islands and low-lying areas in advance of Hurricane Ian’s approach, and the county will open some of its shelters for evacuees who do not have other locations to stay.

The evacuation area includes:

- All of Evacuation Zone A, which generally includes islands and coastal areas.
- Part of Evacuation Zone B south of Veterans Parkway in Cape Coral.

Visit www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/knowyourzone

A map also is attached here and available at www.leegov.com/storm.

Residents in evacuation areas are asked to refrain from putting out garbage, recycling or yard waste before leaving the area. For those who are not in evacuation areas, regular pickup will occur today as scheduled. On Wednesday, services will be suspended countywide and reassessed as the emergency proceeds.

People who live in mobile homes and manufactured homes are also part of the evacuation order.

Shelters will open at 9 a.m. at the following locations. Only the listed shelters are opening at this time. All shelters are pet-friendly:

Dunbar High School
3800 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

East Lee County High School
715 Thomas Sherwin Ave.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33974

Estero Recreation Center
9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd.
Estero, FL 33928

Gateway High School
13820 Griffin Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Hertz Arena
11000 Everblades Parkway
Estero, FL 33928

Island Coast High School
2125 DeNavarra Pkwy.
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Oak Hammock Middle School
5321 Tice Street
Fort Myers, FL 33905

South Fort Myers High School
14020 Plantation Road
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Varsity Lakes Middle School
801 Gunnery Road North
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Veterans Park Recreation Center
49 Homestead Road S.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

United Way is preparing to open the emergency information line at 9 a.m. upon the opening of the emergency shelters. Residents with evacuation zone questions or shelter questions can call 2-1-1.

Please remember you must bring your own personal items. More information is below. Or learn more about what to expect at shelter by watching this video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KFC7hW2epY

People who have friends or family with whom to stay outside the evacuation area are encouraged to make arrangements to do so, rather than going to a shelter.

Officials provided evacuation and shelter updates this morning from the Emergency Operations Center. To watch the press conference, visit www.leegov.com/storm, scroll down to “social media and news updates” and click on “video.”

Also Tuesday, Lee County moved to a full activation from a partial activation.

Residents are asked to monitor local media and meteorologists’ reports and to check www.leegov.com for Hurricane Ian updates. Follow @Lee County Government on Facebook, www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc.

Additional information:

If you’re heading to one of Lee County’s shelters, you need to bring a Go Kit. Include a 3-day supply of food, water and snacks. You’ll also need a pillow and sleeping bag; folding chair; medications and eyeglasses; disinfectant wipes; toilet paper; a 3-day supply of clothing; a sleep mask and earplugs; hygiene items; games or books; a phone charger or battery bank; and instant coffee or teabags. Lee County has a limited amount of shelters and space within the shelters.

Pets are allowed in all Lee County shelters, but you’re responsible for bringing what they need. Pack your pet a Go Kit. Make sure there’s a collar, leash, ID tags, and health records. Have a photo of you with your pet in case you become separated. Bring a crate or pet carrier. Include a week’s worth of water; food and treats; clean-up supplies including waste bags for dogs and litter box with litter for cats; remember any medicines your pet needs. You can find out more about preparation at leegov.com/hurricane.