



Public Service Announcement

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Mandatory Evacuation Called

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga.- The Glynn County Board of Commissioners has called for a **mandatory evacuation** for residents in Evacuation Zone A which is **all areas east of Interstate 95** in addition to **Blythe Island** and **Oak Grove Island** effective at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, October 6, 2016, in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew. **Residents in this area should evacuate immediately.**

Glynn County is under a Hurricane Warning. Conditions will begin to deteriorate rapidly Thursday afternoon into the evening. The current forecast calls for sustained winds of 50-60 miles per hour with gusts up to 90 miles per hour for a period of 24-28 hours for the Glynn County area. Seven to 10 inches of rain are forecasted in addition to life threatening storm surge levels of 4-8 feet with wave action of 20-25 feet. Widespread power outages are anticipated and could last into next week.

There is a strong probability that the Jekyll Island Causeway will be closed due to storm surge during these conditions. Closure of the FJ Torras Causeway is likely due to the inundation of water, as well. Potential closures of the causeways will take place when conditions make the roadway impassable. The Georgia Department of Transportation will close the Sidney Lanier Bridge when sustained winds reach between 40-45 miles per hours.

All government buildings, City of Brunswick and Glynn County, will close at noon on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Republic Services will cease regularly scheduled trash pickup on Friday, October 7, 2016 and Saturday, October 8, 2016. Trash pickup is scheduled to resume on Monday, October 10, 2016.

Residents needing to utilize the Need-a-Ride program should report to one of the following locations. Loading will begin at 9:00 a.m. today (October 6, 2016) and buses will depart by noon, or when full.

- Mary Ross Park, 1500 block, Bay St., Brunswick, GA
- Lanier Plaza, 1919 Glynn Ave., Brunswick, GA (ONLY PET FRIENDLY LOCATION)
- Glynn Place Mall, Mall Blvd., Brunswick, GA
- United Pentecostal Church, 5608 New Jesup Highway, Brunswick, GA
- Harris Teeter, 600 Sea Island Rd., St. Simons Island, GA
- Bay Harbor Church of God, 3210 Highway 82, Brunswick, GA

The following Red Cross shelters are currently open:

- Hephzibah Children's Home, 6601 Zebulon Rd., Macon, GA
- First Baptist Church, 400 Main St., Moultrie, GA
- Swainsboro Rec. Dept., 632 McLeod Bridge Rd., Swainsboro, GA
- Park Avenue Methodist Church, 100 E. Park Ave., Valdosta, GA
- Peach County Fire Station 6, 1770 U S Hwy. 341, Fort Valley, GA
- Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church, 1330 Monte Sano Ave., Augusta, GA

Additional shelters are likely to be added to this list, but there will be **no shelters in Glynn County**, other coastal counties, or counties immediately adjacent to coastal counties in accordance with guidelines provided by the Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

If you are planning to evacuate to a shelter, you should bring any prescription medications, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, important documents and other comfort items. You should also include any special items for children such as diapers, formula and toys, and items needed by family members with unique needs.

A map of evacuation routes for Glynn County is attached. For more information on storm related concerns, please visit <https://glynncounty.org/773/19109/Severe-Weather-TS-Hurricane-Updates>. A link is also available in the Emergency Alert Banner on www.glynncounty.org.

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