



City of Clewiston Emergency Management

NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

City of Clewiston, Florida - City of Clewiston's Emergency Management Division is at level I in preparation for Hurricane Matthew and the impacts it may have on our community. The City is expecting to experience Tropical Storm conditions as early as 2:00 p.m. this afternoon and extending into/through Friday. Matthew's future forecasts should continue to be closely monitored, as a westward track shift may bring hurricane force winds to the Clewiston area.

The Clewiston Middle School located at 601 West Osceola Avenue is now open as a shelter for the general population. Residents with special needs can contact Hendry County Emergency Operations at 863-674-5400 for sheltering location and transportation.

Local impacts may include:

- Tropical Storm conditions can be expected as early as 2:00 p.m. this afternoon and extending into/through Friday.
- Power and water outages.
- Downed power lines.
- Uprooted trees.
- Flying debris.
- Potential flooding and heavy rainfall.
- Damaging winds could reach 55+ mph in this area.

For the safety and well-being of its residents, sand bags are available on South Olympia at the Health Department. These are self-serve stations, you will need to bring your own shovel.

- Solid waste collection will resume on Monday morning.
- The City anticipates closing access to the recreation and ramp area north of the levee beginning today at 2:00 p.m. and will remain closed until the storm threat has passed the area.
- The City of Clewiston Recreation Department has cancelled all activities for Thursday and Friday.

The City is asking residents to take the following precautionary measures:

- Closely monitor local weather forecasts
- Complete and review your Disaster Plan. Make sure to include pets in your plan.
- Complete your hurricane supply kit.
- Make sure you have a 5 day supply of all medications and any other medical equipment you may need. Be prepared to evacuate if told to do so by local officials.
- Be aware of carbon monoxide associated with use of generators. Ventilation in areas where the generator is located is key to the release of these deadly gases.
- If you need to venture outside during windy conditions, please be vigilant of flying debris.
- After dark, please use roads only in emergency situations only.