



HENDRY COUNTY
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State of Florida Issues Mandatory Evacuations for Eastern Hendry County

(September 7, 2017) – LaBelle, Fla. – The State of Florida has issued a mandatory evacuation for the eastern portion of Hendry County.

This evacuation is voluntary today, September 7, 2017 however it will become mandatory tomorrow, Friday, September 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

The evacuation zone includes all of the City of Clewiston, Hookers Point, Harlem, Flaghole, Montura Ranch Estates and the communities located within the Mid-County MSBU which includes Ladeca, Pioneer Plantation and Leon-Dennis Subdivision (Al Don Farming Road).

Please be reminded that Hendry County has already issued a voluntary evacuation for all residents in non-slab built homes, mobile homes, trailers and R.V.'s.

If you have the means to evacuate without assistance, it is recommended that you do so at this time. Evacuating to a shelter should be last resort. There is limited space available in the shelters.

If you require assistance for evacuation, Hendry County is working with the local and State officials on transportation assistance to get Residents out of the evacuation zone.

There will be no shelters activated in Clewiston.

Hendry County has activated all shelters in the western portion of the County for residents in the evacuation zone. Shelters will be open effective 8:00 a.m. Friday, September 8, 2017.

Shelters currently available at 8am on Friday, September 8, 2017 are as follows:

Hendry County Board of County Commissioners – Public Information Office
Post Office Box 2340 – LaBelle, FL 33975-2340
863.675.5220/main – 863.674.4194/fax – www.hendryfla.net

- **Country Oaks Elementary School 2052 NW Eucalyptus Blvd LaBelle, FL**
- **Labelle High School 4050 E. Cowboy Way LaBelle, FL**
- **Labelle Middle School 8000 E. Cowboy Way LaBelle, FL**

[These shelters are not pet friendly, however, service animals are allowed.](#)

The County is working with local and State leaders to provide additional shelters within the region.

If residents in the evacuation zone plan to evacuate to one of these shelters, they are asked to bring their own bedding along with a gallon of water per person, per day and enough food for 3 days as well as any prescription medications they need.

All evacuees are encouraged to take all important, personal documents and identification.

The County has set up a hotline for residents to call for information regarding, evacuation, shelters, transportation and all other related concerns. This hotline will be available beginning at 8am, Friday September 8, 2017.

- **Hendry County hotline number is: [863-674-5410](tel:863-674-5410).**

Hendry County officials are in constant communication with State officials to continue monitoring the storm and will update the public as information becomes available.

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(Please feel free to contact us for an interview, discussion or questions.)