

**Clay County Emergency Management
Hurricane Irma PSA #14
September 12, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Call Center - 904-284-7703**



Both the north and south prongs of Black Creek crested Tuesday morning at 28.5 feet and likely will not recede below flood stage until Friday. The previous record was 24.3 feet set in 1923.

Various local, state and federal agencies are engaged in water rescue efforts including but not limited to the Mississippi Task Force 1, Urban Search & Rescue Swift Water Team, FL State Fire Marshall, FL National Guard, US Coast Guard, West Florida Incident Management Team, rescue teams from all over the southeast. Many state resources have been deployed to assist in this disaster recovery effort.

The majority of the county is still without power.

The Clay County Call Center, 904-284-7703, remains open 24-hours a day for citizens who have questions pertaining to the storm.

Rescue Information:

Clay County Fire & Rescue and the Clay County Sheriff's Office, with the help of out of state partners, FL National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard, rescued 173 people and 49 pets in less than 12 hours Monday. Tuesday's rescues as of 6: 45 p.m. were 72 people and 18 pets and teams are still on mission.

Fuel:

Clay County officials are expressing their concern related to our county's fuel supply. Many of our local fuel stations get their fuel from sources ship fuel to a Florida port. All of Florida's major ports have sustained damage from Hurricane Irma and currently are not fully operational. All residents should use your fuel wisely.

Disaster Assessments:

Initial disaster assessment teams are deployed throughout the county evaluating and reporting damage. Please be patient as our teams make their way through the affected homes.

Clay County is asking residents to call 904-284-7703 or send photo(s) of trees obstructing roadways and property damage with their name and location/address of the location of the damage pictured to Emergency.Management@claycountygov.com.

Road and Bridge Closures:

Blanding Blvd. north of County Road 218 is the only road that is currently closed.

Many streets are blocked by downed trees and flooding. Teams are working to clear areas as conditions allow.

Boat Ramps:

Clay County is closing all boat ramps until Monday. Currently swift water teams are conducting rescue missions and there is significant debris in the water. This is for your own safety and for the safety of our first responders.

Garbage/Waste Management:

Curbside garbage services will be suspended through Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility will be open normal hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 13.

School Closures:

Clay County Schools will be closed Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Volunteer Information:

Clay County Emergency Management launches the post storm volunteer effort through Clay Safety Net, a local faith-based organization that specializes in disaster recovery. Volunteers will mobilize **daily** at 8:00 AM at Christ's Church Fleming Island, 5900 US 17, Fleming Island, until further notice. Volunteers should come **dressed appropriately** and bring needed equipment.

What should volunteers wear?

- Boots
- work clothes appropriate for mud and water (boots, long pants, etc.)
- gloves

What should volunteers bring?

- Rakes
- Hammers
- Crowbars
- Chainsaws (No minors with power equipment will be permitted)

If you have any questions, contact Clay Safety Net at 904-644-0311 or www.claysafetynet.org.

Shelter Information:

Shelters are still open. Currently, 121 people and 25 pets are staying in shelters throughout the county.

Clay County has two Special Needs Shelters at Lake Asbury Junior High School and the Thrasher-Horne Center. Lake Asbury Junior High is at capacity. There is still availability at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park, FL 32065.

Clay County's General Population Shelters are open at the following locations:

- Clay High School, 2025 FL-16, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
- Orange Park High School, 2300 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073 (This shelter allows pets.)
- Wilkinson Elementary School, 4965 Co. Rd. 218, Middleburg, FL 32068.
- Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School, 900 Orchid Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (This shelter allows pets.)

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