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Nassau County Hurricane Irma Update

Rainfall from Hurricane Irma and the nor'easter beforehand is still working its way down the watershed. Additionally, Hurricane Jose is in the Atlantic pushing water back onshore. This combination could extend flooding concerns for another 10-14 days in Nassau County. Previously flooded areas may see additional flooding and there could be new flooding in areas that have not yet been flooded. Residents along the St Mary's River, Thomas Creek, and Lofton Creek should be extremely vigilant in watching for water level rise and evacuate before becoming stranded.

The Journey Church, located at 95707 Amelia Concourse in Yulee, is the official shelter for Nassau County. The facility has Special Needs capabilities and is pet friendly. There are currently 37 people seeking shelter at this time. Callahan Middle School and Hilliard Middle-Senior were closed as shelters at 3:00 p.m. on September 12. Several residents tried to return home last evening but found they couldn't stay at home and checked into Journey Church. This facility will remain open as long as temporary housing is needed in Nassau County. Transportation is available to the shelter, call (904) 548-0900 for assistance.

Nassau County Schools will be closed on Thursday, September 14. Assessments of utility services and transportation are ongoing. Current plans are to reopen Friday, September 15, if power has been restored and roads are accessible.

Power companies are working non-stop to get all customers back on line as soon as possible. Currently Florida Power and Light has 28 percent or 8,430 customers to restore. Florida Public Utilities has 4,581 customers to restore and OREMC has 3,800 customers to restore.

The Nassau County Solid Waste Recycling Center is closed today but will reopen tomorrow, Thursday, September 14. The facility will accept household items and recycling items. A complete list of items that will be accepted and size limits can be found here: <http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/index.aspx?NID=368>

Advanced Disposal resumed residential garbage and recycling pick up today, Thursday, September 13. Storm debris pickup will begin very soon. Resident should sort and place yard debris and construction and demolition debris on the county right of way. Do not bag these items. All materials must be clearly visible before they will be picked up.

The Florida Department of Health in Nassau County will reopen for routine public services on Thursday, September 14. Go to <http://nassau.floridahealth.gov/> for more information.

A current list of road closures can be found on the Nassau County website here: <http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/index.aspx?nid=370>