

Update 6

South Bay Under Tropical Storm Warning as Dorian Nears Florida Coast

Dorian is currently a Category 5 hurricane moving west at 1 mile per hour. While the projected track keeps the storm just off the Florida coast, South Bay Emergency Officials are preparing for any forecast changes.

The City remains under a Tropical Storm Warning, which means we can expect to see winds up to 73 miles per hour Monday afternoon into Tuesday evening. We urge residents to continue to make preparations and keep monitoring local media updates as they are issued.

As we learn more about the timing of weather impacts on our area, we'll begin to make decisions about opening parks and facilities. As a reminder, City offices and waste collection services are closed Monday, September 2 and Tuesday, September 3.

Key Messages from the National Weather Service Advisory:

- The main rain bands from Dorian are still offshore.
- A few broken bands with gusty winds near Tropical Storm force are moving onshore Monday.
- Additional bands could develop later this afternoon and into the evening, with gusts to Tropical Storm force.
- A general increase in Tropical Storm force wind in rain bands later tonight, mainly east.
- There is the possibility of destructive and life-threatening winds/wind damage.
- Potential for flooding of low lying and vulnerable areas.

Our canal levels are well below normal levels; we are in good condition and prepared for the predicted rain.

While a curfew is not in effect for Palm Beach County at this time, we will need everybody to shelter in place, until after the storm has passed and emergency officials have given the all-clear. Please stay off the roads as much as possible, to facilitate the City's emergency preparedness and recovery efforts.

STORM WATCHES & WARNINGS

- A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for inland Palm Beach meaning tropical storm-force winds are expected in our area.

According to the National Hurricane Center, damaging winds, storm surge, river flooding, and isolated tornadoes are all still possible with Dorian, but the severity of the impacts will be dependent on the future track of the storm. It is too soon to determine when or where the strongest effects will occur.

Conditions may be dangerous following the storm. There may be flooded streets, downed trees, and power lines. Residents should prepare to shelter in place until an all-clear notice is given.

FLOODING: Flooding is a possibility, even if Hurricane Dorian stays off our coast. So, we will continue to monitor all our streets, our canals, and waterways. Please remember to keep storm drains clear of debris to minimize flooding.

Our number one goal is to protect lives and property. South Bay residents should have their hurricane plan in place and listen to the advice given by local emergency officials.

WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE

- Solid Waste collection is **CANCELLED** for Monday, September 2, 2019, and Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in anticipation of Hurricane Dorian.
- Local landfills are closed on Monday and Tuesday.
- **DO NOT** place any household waste, recycling, bulk items or debris at the curb – they will not be picked up and can become dangerous projectiles in the storm.
- Debris left curbside can clog storm drains and exacerbate flooding.

EVENT & FACILITY CLOSURES AND CANCELS

- City offices and facilities are closed Tuesday, September 3rd in anticipation of the storm
- All parks and facilities are closed, and all programs cancelled until further notice as we continue to monitor Hurricane Dorian.

SCHOOLS CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

- Palm Beach County School District offices and schools will be closed on Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 4th.

SHELTERS

- Shelters operated by Palm Beach County, including two special needs shelters and one pet shelter, are open on Sunday. You must preregister for the special needs shelter. Visit Palm Beach County Emergency Management's Shelter Information website for details.
- Palm Beach County Shelters are open at the following schools:
 - o Park Vista High School
 - o Lakeshore Middle School
 - o Palm Beach Central High School
 - o Palm Beach Gardens High School
 - o Independence Middle School
 - o Bethune Elementary School
 - o Pahokee Middle School
- The South Florida Fairgrounds (Special Needs Shelter) is our closest special needs shelter. For information, visit Palm Beach County's Special Needs Sheltering webpage.
- Palm Beach County's Pet-Friendly Shelter is located inside the West Boynton Recreational Center at 6000 Northtree Blvd., Lake Worth, FL 33463 and is only available to Palm Beach County residents who reside in a mandatory evacuation zone, in a mobile home, or in sub-standard housing. Proof of residency will be required.

We urge all residents to make the necessary preparations now:

- **DO NOT** do any major yard work until after the storm passes.
- **DO NOT** place any debris at the curb until the storm has cleared.

- Get your water supply now: a gallon of water per person per day for five days.
- Keep storm drains clean to minimize flooding. Large piles of new vegetation trimming may clog storm drains.
- Secure any patio furniture or yard waste, as these may become projectiles in a storm.

In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Our primary focus is to make sure our residents are safe. We encourage everyone to prepare now for Hurricane Dorian. Do not wait. Do not be complacent. Now is the time for everyone to prepare. Stay Safe South Bay!