



News Release

Escambia County
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Hurricane Ivan Update # 45
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Hurricane Ivan Update

Pensacola, FL, September 19, 2004: Escambia County officials continue to work to provide protection and to rebuild the infrastructure for our citizens and guests. The Escambia County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to be at "Level 1" activation.

Contractors:

- There will be a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, at the Building Inspections Office at Town and Country Plaza for all contractors wanting to assist with the repairs/rebuilding.

Courts:

- The M.C. Blanchard Building (Judicial Building) will be out of service indefinitely.
- Court sessions will soon be held for:
 - First appearances with law enforcement officers;
 - Domestic violence cases;
 - Juvenile, and
 - Baker Act cases

The location for these hearings will be determined Monday, Sept 20, morning.

Environmental:

- It is illegal to take your residential garbage to area dumpsters. Residential pick up will begin on Monday, Sept. 20.

Mosquito Control: With all the rain and standing water from Hurricane Ivan, Neighborhood Environmental Services Department would like to remind everyone of the Five "D's" for mosquito control.

- Avoid being outside at **dusk**;
- Avoid being outside at **dawn**;
- Use repellent with **DEET** as an ingredient;
- **Drain- Remove standing water in any thing that is located in the yards.**

- **Dress-** Wear light colored clothing and cover all exposed areas of skin.
- Officials state they are in the process of setting up a program for damaged swimming pools to help control mosquito problems.

FDOT:

- FDOT will be closing Hwy 90, from Scenic Hwy to Woodbine Rd., from 10:00 p.m Sun., Sept 19 until 7:00 a.m. Mon, Sept 20, to continue with repairs.

FEMA Assistance:

- The “Missing Persons” Family Assistance Center has been set up for family members to identify **deceased victims** of Hurricane Ivan. Call 850-416-6901. For any other needs (for example: ice, water, etc.), please call 595-3344.

Roads:

- The following roads in Escambia County are closed until further notice:
 - I-10 – eastbound and westbound. (Alabama closed I-10 east coming into Florida from Alabama)
 - Pensacola (3-Mile) Bridge
 - Bayfront Parkway
 - Theo Baars Bridge (Perdido Key Bridge)
 - Bob Sykes Bridge

Schools:

- All Escambia County schools have been damaged by Hurricane Ivan.
- All principals and assistant principals are to report to the Hall Center, Room 160, at 1:00 p.m. Monday, Sept 20.

Utilities:

- Gulf Power has restored power to more than 10,326 customers in Escambia County.
- Escambia River Electric Cooperative has sustained widespread damage. Transmission lines from their generation plant in Andalusia have been severely damaged. Currently, the Oak Grove substation is back on line and 20% of Escambia County customers now have power.

Citizen Information Line (850) 595-3344

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