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Hurricane Ivan Update # 47

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Curfews:

- Remain in effect from 7 pm to 7 am until further notice.

Distribution Centers:

- Each household will receive two 12 packs of water, two bags of ice and six Meals ready to eat (MRE's) each day.
- The following six sites are open for the distribution of ice, water and food from **7am to 6pm:**
 - Bealls Outlet Shopping Center, 33 Brent Lane, Pensacola
 - Old Winn Dixie Shopping Center, North Highway 29, Cantonment
 - Washington High School, 6000 College Parkway, Pensacola
 - Northview High School, 4100 West Highway 4, Walnut Hill
 - Tate High School, 1771 Tate Road, Cantonment
 - Escambia High School, 1310 North 65th Avenue, Pensacola

Utilities:

- **Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA)**
 - Residential sanitation collection will begin for County ECUA customers Monday- household garbage only at this point.
 - For ECUA Customers: Please do not call to ask when water service will be restored. It will be as soon as possible. To report leaks or for any other questions on ECUA services call 476-0480 or after hours call 476-5110.
 - 18 of 31 water wells back in service.
 - Citizens are urged to report water leaks. Call 476-5110 or 595-3394 to report the leaks.
 - Residential sanitation collection will resume Monday, September 20, 2004 for ECUA customers in the County. This is for regular household garbage, not hurricane debris.
 - Boil Water Notice is still in effect for all areas of Escambia County.
- **City of Pensacola Sanitation:**
 - City residents will be able to take their household garbage to one of three drop-off sites beginning Monday, September 20, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.:
 - 12th Avenue and Haynes Street, across from St. Christopher's church in parking lot of the Gulf Coast Kids House.
 - Legion Field at "G" and Gregory streets.
 - The recycling center on Summit Boulevard.

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- Place all garbage in plastic bags or if you are able, put garbage in city garbage containers. City employees will be on site to assist with unloading. Household garbage only; hurricane and yard debris will not be accepted.
- Regular household garbage collection is scheduled to resume Monday, September 27, 2004.
- **BellSouth**
 - Reporting 62% of customers have phone service.
 - Customers wishing to call BellSouth for repair service may use the following number:
 - Residential repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 611; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside of Florida, dial 1-800-432-1424.
 - Business repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 866-620-6900; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside Florida, dial 1-800-252-0803.
- **Gulf Power**
 - Power restored to 99,000 customers in their service area.

Debris / Solid Waste:

- The clean up process will begin soon. Please follow these procedures to help expedite this process:
 - Separate debris
 - Vegetative debris (trees, brush, etc.)
 - Construction debris (shingles, etc.)
 - Household garbage
 - Please place your debris on the right-of-way in front of your property.
 - Please be patient, as the clean up process will take some time.

Roads:

- The following are updates on roads and bridges in Escambia County :
 - Lane closures for Sunday night along Interstate 110 for fence removal.
 - The Escambia River Bridge will be closed Sunday night from 10 pm to 7 am.
 - Work on the Pensacola Bay Bridge (3 mile Bridge) should be complete on September 21, 2004.
 - Work on the I-10 Bridge to open two lanes of traffic should be complete on October 11, 2004.
 - Work on Bob Sikes Bridge should be complete on September 29, 2004.
 - Work on the Navarre Bridge should be complete on September 22, 2004.
 - Work on Perdido Key Drive has been put on a 120 Day contract.

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Pensacola Regional Airport (PNS):

- PNS is closed until further notice.

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 yard.**
- **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.

Escambia County Animal Regulation/Control:

- The Escambia County Animal Shelter recovered 19 animals.
- Escambia County Animal Control and The Animal Shelter can be reached at 595-3075 for non-emergency calls, and 595-3080 for emergencies.
- The Animal Shelter is open Saturday and Sunday this weekend from 9:00am – 4:00pm. On Monday, September 19, 2004, the Animal Shelter will resume normal operating hours Monday – Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- Injured wildlife should be taken to the Wildlife Sanctuary, 105 N S Street, Pensacola.
- A temporary refuge for pets has been established at Escambia County Animal Shelter 595-3073.

If necessary, there will be accommodations made for people who are in need of animal food for their pets. These services can be found at 200 W. Fairfield Drive. You can contact them at 595-3075.

Water Safety

- The Florida Marine Patrol advises all boaters to avoid attempting to drive boats towards any Barrier Island. Missing and sunken boats make this action extremely dangerous.

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FEMA Assistance:

- Escambia County residents may apply for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA. Residents who sustained damage from Hurricane Ivan must register to be eligible for assistance.
- Operation Blue Roof- The US Army Corp Of Engineers, will provide tarps and roof assistance September 20, 2004, at the Old Builders Square Building , 1412 West Fairfield. You will be asked to fill out a right of entry form.
- The Family Assistance Center for missing persons has been set up for family members to identify deceased victims of Hurricane Ivan. Call 850-416-6901 for more information.

Search & Rescue:

- The FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task forces have completed the search and rescue operations on the Barrier Islands. The teams are demobilizing and leaving the area.
- Five of the twelve missing persons have been found alive on Perdido Key.

Burn Ban

- The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners have established an emergency ordinance implementing an Burn Ban for the County, until further notice. Low water pressure and water line breaks make burning brush extremely dangerous.

Board of County Commissioners

- Staff of the County Attorney should report to the EOC, Monday at 9am. You must wear your county I.D.
- Any county employee that is not on Special Storm assignment, or otherwise notified must report Tuesday morning at 8 am to your regular work location and see your Department Director.
- Department Directors will meet at 12 noon Tuesday in the lobby of the Sheriff's office. Please bring a list of employees and available assignments.
- Staff of Solid Waste Management need to meet at 7 am at Perdido Landfill.

Perdido Key

- Perdido Key Residents interested in going on to Perdido Key need to meet at the Winn Dixie store next to the Sheriff's substation off Sorento Road at 10 am. ECAT will be available to transport residents. Residents must bring proof of residency to ride over to Perdido Key.

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State Courts System First Judicial Circuit

- The M.C. Blanchard Judicial Center has substantial damage. The facility will be closed to court proceedings until further notice. Temporary facilities will be identified and operational in the near future.
- At this time, Mission Essential Functions only will be conducted until further notice. This consists of: First Appearances, Baker Act Hearings, Juvenile Detention/Shelters and Domestic Violence proceedings. Persons scheduled for Domestic Violence court proceedings on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 should plan to appear as scheduled – the location will be announced through the media late Monday or early Tuesday.
- Jurors are not to report on Monday, September 20, 2004.
- Judges, Judicial Assistants, Court Administration and Program personnel should report to the M.C. Blanchard Judicial Center, at the parking garage, for general assembly and operational planning meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20, 2004 – if access or personal circumstances prevent your ability to attend – please contact Court Administration’s hotline/message center and leave your information, with contact point.

Citizen Information Line (850) 595-3344

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