



News Release

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Curfews:

- The curfew for Escambia County **has been lifted.** **However, the beaches still remain closed.**

Citizen Information Line:

- **The Escambia County Citizens Information Line will be manned from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. The phone is (850) 595-3344**

Price Gouging:

- Complaints on price gouging of services or goods contact State Attorney's Office at 595-4253 or local law enforcement. Please leave a message. Office hours will resume on Tuesday.

Beaches:

- Perdido Key is **closed to the public beginning at 5:00 p.m., Sept 27, until further notice.**
- Pensacola Beach **is closed to the public beginning at 5:00 p.m., Sept 27 until further notice.**
- The Santa Rosa Island Authority established a resident hotline at (850) 932-1500 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Distribution Centers:

- **The following two sites are open for the distribution of ice, water and food from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (please notice time changes):**
 - Northview High School – 4100 Highway 4 Century Fl
 - Old Warrington Village Shopping Center – 400 Blk N. Navy Blvd**All other sites closed effective 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 26, 2004.**

Parking Access to EOC:

- **Starting Monday, Sept 27, employees working out of the EOC will need special parking passes. The Sheriff's Office is providing these passes.**

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. When you apply for disaster assistance please have the following available:

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- Social Security Number (including spouse)
- Address and zip code of the damaged property
- Directions to the damaged property
- Telephone numbers where you can be reached during the day
- A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is established in Century at the Ag Center on Industrial Park. A DRC is a facility where persons can meet face-to-face with represented Federal, State, local, and volunteer agencies.
- Anyone representing FEMA will have credentials indicating they are an official representative.

Building Inspections & Permits:

- The Escambia County Building Inspections Office has returned to their permanent location at 3300 Pace Blvd., Ste 300 and can be reached at (850) 595-3550.
- Building permits for the City of Pensacola can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Building, 2761 North Palafox St. An Escambia County license is required.

Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court:

- Offices located at the Archives Building (120 E. Blount St.):
 - Administration
 - Accounting
 - Appeals
 - Archives
 - Circuit Civil
 - County Civil/Landlord and Tenant
 - County Criminal (Misdemeanor)
 - Court Division
 - Family Law
 - Marriage
 - MIS-Computer Room
 - Probate
 - Small Claims
 - Traffic
- Office located in the Civic Center (210 E. Gregory St) (Please call 595-4146)
 - Ernie Lee Magaha, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Executive Administration
 - Jury Management
 - Domestic Violence Intake/Restraining Orders
- Offices located at the Old County Courthouse (233 Palafox St)
 - Official Records - 595-3930
 - Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners - 595-3920
 - Finance - 595-4845
 - Tax Deeds - 595-3930
- Office located at the Juvenile Justice Center (2251 Palafox St)
 - Domestic Relations/Child Support - 595-3770
 - Juvenile - 595-3780

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City of Pensacola Government:

- The City of Pensacola has established a call-in center to provide updated information to citizens on matters affecting the city and pertaining to Hurricane Ivan and the subsequent cleanup. The center is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents or others with questions concerning sanitation, governmental relocation, code enforcement, public safety, or any other issues pertaining to the City of Pensacola and all of its agencies can call 437-9112.

Pensacola Naval Air Station:

- All civilian employees who have not been recalled to duty will remain on excused absence, but should call their immediate supervisor if they have not already done so. Civilian employees with questions should call the Human Resources Office at 452-6070 or toll free at 1-877-854-3458, 3459 or 3463.
- The NHP pharmacy is open for business between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. When the local curfew is lifted, regular hours will resume (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.). All new prescriptions will be processed at the hospital pharmacy. If unable to call refill in for automated processing (850/505-6459 or toll free 1-888/513-4164) the main pharmacy will process refills at the pharmacy window.
 - The Naval Hospital will process new and refill prescriptions for Branch Medical Clinics Whiting Field, NATTC, Corry Station and NAS Pensacola.
 - Main pharmacy number is (850) 505-6640;
 - Automated refill line: 1-888/513-4164; locally 505-6459;
 - Branch clinic Whiting Field pharmacy number (850) 623-7707;
 - Branch clinic NATTC pharmacy (850) 452-8651 ext. 148;
 - Branch clinic Corry Station pharmacy (850) 452-6326 ext. 208;
 - Branch clinic NASP pharmacy (850) 452-5242 ext. 117.

Utilities:

- **Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA)**
 - 28 of 31 water wells are online
 - 250 of 271 lift stations are online.
 - Citizens are urged to continue to conserve water.
 - A boiled-water advisory has been lifted for Escambia County.
 - Citizens are urged to report water leaks by calling 476-0480.
- **City of Pensacola Sanitation:**
 - Regular garbage collection has resumed.
- **BellSouth**
 - Reporting 80% of customers have phone service.
 - Customers can call BellSouth for repair service at:
 - Residential repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 611; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside of Florida, dial 1-800-432-1424.

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- 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**
 - Reports approximately 38,000 citizens are still without power. Still working hard on restoring.
 - Close to 95% have power restored system wide.
 - Several areas received extensive damage and it will be next week before power is restored. These areas are: Cantonment, Star Lake, Scenic Hills, Molino, Cordova and central areas of Brentwood.
 - To report power problems, call 1-800-GUPOWER (487-6937).
- **Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
 - Close to 78% of Escambia River's service area now has power.
 - Call our outage response number 1-800-235-3848 if you see a power related emergency or if your neighbor has power and you do not.
- **Energy Services of Pensacola (ESP)**
 - Call 474-5300 for all gas service requests.

Roads:

- The following are updates on roads and bridges in Escambia County:
 - Highway 98 is open from the Florida state line through to Okaloosa County.
 - Highway 90 is open. One lane eastbound will be closed **between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. at the "fill" area (in Santa Rosa County).**
 - SR 292 Perdido Key Road: anticipated opening – late January
 - SR/County Road 399 roadway on Santa Rosa Island – roadway is washout out on the sections where it has been viewed (the road is 22 miles long, but getting to the Island has been difficult due to the bridges being out) – being accessed and should be under contracted for repairs by Monday Sept. 27.
 - Bob Sykes Bridge is open to emergency vehicles; anticipated opening is Wednesday, Sept. 29
 - SR 8 (I-10) Escambia Bay Bridge: anticipated opening – Monday, Oct. 11
 - Millview Bayou Bridge (SR 298): anticipated opening – Thursday, Sept. 30 Santa Rosa
 - SR 191 Garcon Point Bridge is open. Some minor delays may occur while work is finished. Tolls are suspended.
 - Crews from C.W Roberts will continue working to open the entire stretch of US 98 between Fort Walton Beach and Destin to all four-lanes of traffic within 120 days.
 - The detour for cars/light trucks will be moved to US 90, the route that is the parallel to I-10, and commercial trucks will move to the current detour for cars.

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- 80% of all local roads are cleared. The total system should be open by Friday except those areas previously specified.
- 83% of the signals in the impacted area are operating. The remaining signals have a higher degree of damage.
- All local bridge inspections will be completed by Friday.
- A \$26 million emergency project to rebuild the damaged Interstate 10 Bridge over Escambia Bay in Pensacola is underway, according to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Escambia County Area Transit:

- ECAT will resume normal service effective Wednesday, September 29, 2004, with the exception of the following areas:
 - Route 21 to Pensacola Beach
 - Route 22, traveling Scenic Highway to UWF
 - No evening service – routes 31, 32, 33, 34, &
- For additional information contact ECAT at 595-3228.

Escambia County Animal Regulation/Control:

- 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 resumed normal operating hours 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Saturday.
- Injured wildlife should be taken to the Wildlife Sanctuary, 105 N S Street, Pensacola.

Burn Ban:

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

Property Appraisers Office:

- Due to damage sustained from Hurricane Ivan, the Escambia County Property Appraiser's Office will remain closed until a new location can be found. The property Appraiser's website – www.escpa.org is up and running. We apologize for the inconveniences.

Red Cross:

- Every effort is being made to accommodate the families staying at Washington High School shelter (the only remaining shelter) by Friday, Oct 1, 2004, so that the School District can prepare to reopen for classes.
- The service center is open Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The second service center will open Wednesday, Sept 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- They will be opening their warehouse on Mobile Hwy and Fairfield Drive..
- There will be no case work done at the headquarters on pace boulevard.

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Salvation Army Service

- There is a new shelter at 1310 N. "S" Street. The bed capacity is 19 males and 17 females. The phone number is 432-1579.

Army Corps of Engineers:

- The Army Corps of Engineers will place temporary roof covering on homes damaged by the hurricane. Residents must complete a right of entry form before work can begin. Call 1-888-ROOF BLU for additional information.
- You may go to the following locations in Pensacola:
 - The Old Builders Square, 1412 West Fairfield Drive from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Former Winn Dixie, on N. Hwy 29, Cantonment, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - St. Ann's Catholic Church, Daniel Dr., Gulf Breeze, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Warrington: Winn Dixie, 400 N. Navy Blvd, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - McDavid Fire House on Highway 29, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Ag Center, Industrial Road, Century, FL from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, 4600 Mobile Highway, Pensacola, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, 2650 Creighton Road, Pensacola, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Food World, 6032 Highway 90, Milton from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- These are the locations where you need to go to sign the "right of entry" forms to get the blue tarps put on

Schools:

- The target date for reopening the Escambia County schools is Oct 11.

Pensacola Junior College:

- Classes will resume Monday, Oct. 4. The PJC Downtown Center and the NAS Center are closed indefinitely for repairs. Classes normally held at the Downtown Center will be moved to Pensacola campus, Building 10. Classes normally held on NAS will be moved to the Warrington campus, Building 3400.

Public Health/Safety

- The water ban has been lifted in all areas of Escambia County.
- Owners of private wells need to make sure they have checked the water by using the test package that is provided by the Health Department.
- The Dept. of Health has established locations for mobile clinics to provide primary care (other than emergency care):
 - Quietwater Beach parking lot at Pensacola Beach
 - 17400 Perdido Key Drive (parking lot adjacent to Panama Macs)
 - 940 Massachusetts Avenue (Circle, Inc.)
- Emergency mental health locations
 - CSU located at "J" and Avery (469-3497)
 - Baptist Hospital Emergency Room, 1700 "E" Street, Pensacola
 - Regular patients should go to Lakeview Center

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- Dept. of Health and County Officials are urging all users of portable generators to exercise due care in order to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. When operating a generator, be sure the generator remains outside the home or business. DO NOT operate a portable generator within a confined space such as a garage or in a home. Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be lethal.
- Fire stations are manned 24 hours a day at Perdido Key and Pensacola Beach.

Debris / Solid Waste:

- The clean-up process will begin this week. Follow these debris separation procedures to expedite clean-up:
 - Vegetative debris (trees, brush, etc.)
 - Construction debris (shingles, etc.)
 - Household garbage
- Place your debris on the right-of-way in front of your property. When doing so, be certain not to hide or cover fire hydrants.
- Do not place leaves or vegetative debris in plastic bags.
- Officials are asking homeowners to remove all grocery contents from any refrigerated appliances being disposed. These contents are subject to decomposition or decay and should be placed in plastic bags with your normal garbage.
- Debris drop off sites open daily from 7:00 to 7:00. They are:
 - Dickson Park, 1102 Paulding Rd, Warrington
 - Chimes Way, 5002 Chimes Way, Pensacola
 - Escambia County Equestrian Center, 7750 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola
 - Old Ensley School Park, 107 E. Detroit Blvd., Pensacola
 - Regency Park, 8245 Fathom Rd., Pensacola
 - Don Sutton Park 2320 Crabtree Church Rd., Molino
 - Byrnesville, 1707 Hwy 4-A, Century

Emergency Operations Center:

- **The briefings will decrease to one daily, which will be held at 8:00 a.m.**

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.
 - Dusk - Avoid being outside at dusk.
 - Dawn - Avoid being outside at dawn.
 - Deet - 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.

Water Safety:

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- Coast Guard officials established a safety zone that extends both soundside and Gulf side for three miles from the beach. This includes all coastal navigable waters between the west end of Big Lagoon to the east of Destin's East Pass, just off of Joe's Bayou. This restricts any boats from this area. The penalties include potential arrest under State Statute and Civil penalties under Federal Statute.
- In addition, Coast Guard officials are banning marine traffic in the Pensacola Bar Channel, Pensacola Bay Channel, Pensacola Approach Channel, Perdido Pass Entrance, and Perdido Main Channel.
- The Florida Marine Patrol advises boaters to avoid attempting to drive boats towards any barrier island. Missing and sunken boats make this action extremely dangerous.

United States Postal Service:

- Pensacola City and Associates Offices are operating from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The main Post Office at Jordan Street is operational with limited services.
- NAS Branch is closed until further notice.
- Residents should ensure that there is a clear path to their mailboxes for mail delivery.
- The Postal Service is recommending that residents, whose houses were damaged, not change addresses. Please put a hold on your mail and pick it up at the post office.

Escambia County Government:

- Property Appraiser Office will remain closed until further notice.
- Full Tax Collector Office services opened its Warrington and Marcus Pointe branches from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Driver Licenses services are available at the Warrington location only. For additional information, call 438-6500 ext. 252.
- Building Inspections will be moving back to their office in the Town and Country Plaza starting Monday, Sept. 27. As they inspect electric panels at homes, they will be placing a green sticker on the meter box to indicate it has been inspected. This green sticker needs to remain on the meter box until further notice.

Insurance Information:

- Citizens should check credentials on anyone who claims to be an insurance adjuster to ensure the adjuster has been processed by the Florida Insurance Council.
- To question or report insurance fraud, contact The Division of Insurance Fraud at (850) 453-7802.

Citizen Information Line (850) 595-3344