



News Release

Escambia County
Office of Public Information and Communications
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Tropical Storm Arlene
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Escambia County-Protective Actions

Escambia County is now under a Hurricane Watch and Flood Warning. Weather conditions are expected to deteriorate throughout the night. Citizens are encouraged to move plants, lawn furniture, toys and the like indoors. Secure any loose items that must remain outside. For more tips and preparedness information, go to www.bereadyescambia.com.

Information on evacuation zones and maps can also be found at www.bereadyescambia.com.

➤ **Evacuations**

- Due to the anticipated flooding conditions and storm surge, Escambia County **began** evacuations at 3:00pm, Friday, June 10, 2005:
 - Anyone living in the Category 1 Evacuation Area should begin evacuations. This includes Perdido Key, Pensacola Beach, Inerarity Point and all areas South of Gulf Beach Highway. Detailed information on the area can be found at www.bereadyescambia.com.
 - Anyone living in a mobile home/manufactured home, travel trailer/RV or FEMA Group site should also evacuate.
 - Additionally anyone living on the waterways in Escambia County should plan to evacuate.

➤ **Shelters**

- As of 3:00pm the following public shelters **opened**:
 - **Civic Center**, 201 East Gregory Street
 - **Blue Angel Elementary**, 1551 Dog Track Road, Pensacola
 - **West Florida High**, 2400 Longleaf Drive, Pensacola
 - **Carver Middle School**, 440 East Hecker Road, Century
- A Special Needs shelter will open at **Pensacola Junior College, Lou Ross Center**, 1000 College Blvd, Pensacola

- **Board of County Commissioners**
 - The Vice Chairman, Marie Young, signed a local declaration of state of emergency as of 9:15am.

- **Escambia County Area Transit**
 - All bus service will be suspended on Saturday, June 11, 2005.
 - All personnel should report as scheduled.

- **School District**
 - All ACT Test administration scheduled for Escambia County School District campuses on Saturday, June 11, 2005 have been canceled. They will be rescheduled later.
 - The Law Enforcement Academy scheduled for George Stone this evening has been cancelled, as well as any activities planned for the weekend.

- **Pensacola Junior College**
 - All tests and classes are cancelled for Saturday, June 11, 2005 for all campuses in Escambia County and Santa Rosa County.

- **Escambia County Emergency Operations**
 - The EOC activated at 12:00pm Friday, June 10, 2005.
 - Officials are monitoring Tropical Storm Arlene.
 - The public will be advised as soon as any decisions are made.

- **Parks and Recreation Department**
 - Horses may be boarded at the Escambia County Equestrian Center as long as stalls are available.
 - You may utilize an empty stall and Parks staff will check on the horses Saturday morning.

- **Solid Waste Management**
 - The Perdido Key Landfill will be closed on Saturday, June 11, 2005 and reopen with regular hours on Monday, June 13, 2005.
 - The Oak Grove Citizen Convenience Center will also be closed and reopen on Wednesday, June 15, 2005.
 - The Debris Hotline will be closed on Saturday.

- **Road Department**
 - Empty sand bags are available at the Escambia County Road Department, 601 North Highway 297-A, Cantonment.
 - There is a limit of 25 per family.
 - Citizens are encouraged to call before going to the Road Department – 937-2100.

- **Escambia County Animal Shelter**
 - Will be closed on Saturday, June 11, 2005.
 - Will reopen Monday, June 13, 2005.
 - Only emergency calls will be handled by Animal Control Officers over the weekend. Please call 595-3080 for emergencies.

- **Florida Department of Transportation**
 - Prepared to activate I-10 Bridge detour routes if the need arises.
 - Tolls are suspended on the Garcon Point and Mid-Bay bridges. Tolls are currently scheduled to be reinstated at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2005.

- **Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
 - Emergency Response personnel are in a storm readiness alert status.

- **Pensacola Regional Airport**
 - Delta has cancelled the inbound New York (JFK) Flight #2355 for Friday night, June 10, 2005.
 - Delta has also cancelled all outbound flights for Saturday, June 11, 2005 until late afternoon and will update flight operations later Saturday.
 - Continental Airlines, U.S. Airways and American Eagle are operating as scheduled as weather permits.

- **Report Price Gouging**
 - To report price gouging, call 1-800-646-0444 or 1-800-435-7352 or visit www.MyFlorida.com to register a complaint online.

- **Citizen Information Line**
 - Citizens may call (850) 471-6600 if they have questions about Tropical Storm Arlene.

- **Website**
 - Residents can go to www.bereadyescambia.com for storm and hurricane preparedness information.

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