



News Release

Escambia County
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Tropical Storm Arlene
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Escambia County-Protective Actions

Escambia County is now under a Hurricane Warning and Flood Warning. Weather conditions are expected to deteriorate throughout the day. 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, Friday, June 10, 2005 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
- As of 9:00am, the shelter population was at 175.

- **Board of County Commissioners**
 - The Vice Chairman, Marie Young, signed a local declaration of state of emergency as of 9:15am, Friday, June 10, 2005.
- **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 canceled, as well as any activities planned for the weekend.
- **Pensacola Junior College**
 - All tests and classes are canceled 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 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**
 - Motorists can expect water on the roadways.
 - 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.

- **Emerald Coast Utilities Authority**
 - The water main break on Via Deluna east of Sugar Bowl has been repaired.

- **Gulf Power**
 - A “feeder” line from the DeVilliers substation is out, affecting 1600 customers.
 - About 400 customers are without power near 13th and Gonzalez Streets.
 - In Cantonment, 555 customers are without power.
 - Other “spot” outages may occur and they will work to restore power as quickly as possible.

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

- **Pensacola Regional Airport**
 - US Airways and Continental have cancelled flights for Saturday.
 - Please check with your air carrier for specific flight arrangements.

- **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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