Gov. Scott Issues Updates on Hurricane Matthew Preparedness and Response Efforts as Storm Continues to Impact Florida

SHELTERS

- As of this morning, more than 145 shelters were open throughout Florida with a total population of more than 22,360 individuals. This number will be updated at midnight. Shelters are open in the following counties:
  - Baker: 1 shelter (special needs)
  - Bradford: 2 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Brevard: 17 shelters (7 special needs)
  - Broward: 12 shelters (3 special needs)
  - Clay: 4 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Colombia: 3 shelters
  - Duval: 11 shelters (4 special needs)
  - Flagler: 2 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Glades: 2 shelters (special needs)
  - Hardy: 1 shelter (1 special needs)
  - Hendry: 2 shelters
  - Highlands: 1 shelter
  - Hillsborough: 4 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Indian River: 6 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Lake: 5 shelters (3 special needs)
  - Lee: 2 shelters
  - Leon: 1 shelters
  - Madison: 1 shelter
  - Manatee: 1 shelter (1 special needs)
  - Martin: 7 shelters (2 special needs)
  - Miami-Dade: 5 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Nassau: 5 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Okeechobee: 3 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Orange: 2 shelters
  - Osceola: 5 shelters
  - Palm Beach: 15 shelters (1 special needs)
  - Pinellas: 1 shelter
- Polk: 7 shelters (2 special needs)
- Putnam: 1 shelter (1 special needs)
- St. Lucie: 7 shelters (1 special needs)
- Seminole: 6 shelters (2 special needs)
- Sumter: 1 shelter
- Volusia: 4 (4 special needs)

- To find available shelters by county, visit [http://www.floridadisaster.org/shelters/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/shelters/)
- The state continues to work with the American Red Cross to identify shelter capacity both during and following the storm.

### Power

- The following counties are currently experiencing power outages:
  - Alachua – 3,216 customers, 2% outage
  - Baker – 264, 2% outage
  - Bradford – 174 customers, 2% outage
  - Brevard County – 186,999, 61% outage
  - Broward – 5,070 customers, 1% outage
  - Clay – 7,485 customers, 5% outage
  - Duval – 4,743 customers, 1% outage
  - Flagler County – 39,261 customers, 69% outage
  - Franklin County – 103 customers, 1% outage
  - Hamilton – 90 customers, 1% outage
  - Highlands – 472 customers, 1%
  - Indian River County – 59,244 customers, 67% outage
  - Jefferson County – 64 customers, 1% outage
  - Lake County – 14,009 customers, 8% outage
  - Marion County – 4,783 customers, 3% outage
  - Martin County – 44,600 customers, 48% outage
  - Okeechobee County – 1,270 customers, 6% outage
  - Orange County – 49,326 customers, 9% outage
  - Osceola County – 6,172 customers, 5% outage
  - Palm Beach County – 43,160 customers, 6% outage
  - Putnam County – 8,160 customers, 20% outage
  - Seminole County – 40,787 customers, 20% outage
  - St. Johns County – 28,950 customers, 33% outage
  - St. Lucie County – 51,312 customers, 34% outage
  - Volusia County – 218,308 customers, 78% outage
  - **Total without power: 826,920 customers, 8% outage**

- Governor Scott directed the state to begin setting up housing for utility crews in strategic areas across the state. Camp Blanding in Northeast Florida is now able to house over 1,000 utility workers and their trucks. There are two other locations that are currently being prepared if needed.

### Fuel
• The state is monitoring for supply, distribution or retail fuel shortages or issues, specifically for isolated incidents of individual retailers experiencing temporary fuel shortages. These individual retailers are being quickly refueled and fuel is readily available across Florida.
• The state will continue to monitor and assist with state and local government fuel assistance requests.
• The current fuel supply in the state will last for nearly 5 days, even if all ports are temporarily closed.
• The state is working with fuel partners and suppliers to increase the number of trucks moving fuel from the ports to retail locations.
• The state has contacted emergency fuel and equipment providers for status of emergency fuel supply and equipment.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS
• The east coast is still actively receiving impacts from Hurricane Matthew which will continue through most of the day.
• After conditions have improved, individual counties will start their initial damage assessment process.
• The state supports this initial damage assessment process through the State Emergency Response Team by providing personnel and resources towards “First 72 Hour” priorities of law enforcement security, search and rescue, and incident stabilization of Florida’s impacted communities.

EVACUATIONS
• More than 1.5 million Floridians are currently in evacuation zones.
  o Brevard County: Mandatory Evacuations of Merritt Island, barrier island, low-lying areas and mobile homes.
  o Broward County: Voluntary evacuations for mobile homes and low lying areas.
  o Clay County: Voluntary evacuations.
  o Duval County: Voluntary evacuations.
  o Flagler County: Mandatory evacuations.
  o Indian River: Mandatory evacuations for barrier islands, mobile homes, and low lying areas.
  o Martin County: Mandatory evacuations.
  o Miami-Dade County: Voluntary evacuations for mobile homes, low-lying, and unstable structures.
  o Nassau County: Voluntary evacuations.
  o Palm Beach County: Mandatory evacuations.
  o St. Johns County: Mandatory evacuation orders.
  o St. Lucie County: Mandatory evacuations.
  o Volusia County: Mandatory evacuations for barrier islands, low-lying areas, and mobile homes.

• Floridians and visitors can go to FloridaEvacuates.com or download the Florida-Evacuates app to enter their location and see shelters available in their area.
**SCHOOL CLOSURES**

- The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) activated its emergency contact system for the east coast Florida school districts and colleges, and is monitoring closures made at the district and college levels.

- District school closures include:
  - Alachua County – Closed Friday.
  - Baker County – Closed Friday.
  - Brevard County – Closed Friday.
  - Broward County – Closed Friday.
  - Bradford County Schools - Closed Friday.
  - Citrus County – Closed Friday.
  - Clay County – Closed Friday.
  - Columbia County – Closed Friday.
  - Dade County – Closed Friday.
  - Desoto County – Closed Friday.
  - Dixie County – Closed Friday.
  - Duval County – Closed Friday.
  - Lake County Schools - Closed Friday.
  - Flagler County – Closed Friday.
  - Gilchrist County – Closed Friday.
  - Glades County – Closed Friday.
  - Hamilton County – Closed Friday.
  - Hardee County – Closed Friday.
  - Hendry County – Closed Friday.
  - Highlands County – Closed Friday.
  - Hillsborough County – Closed Friday.
  - Indian River County – Closed Friday.
  - Lafayette County – Closed Friday.
  - Lake County – Closed Friday.
  - Levy County – Closed Friday.
  - Madison County – Closed early Friday.
  - Manatee County – Closed Friday.
  - Martin County – Closed Friday.
  - Marion County – Closed Friday.
  - Nassau County – Closed Friday.
  - Okeechobee County - Closed Friday.
  - Orange County – Closed Friday.
  - Osceola County – Closed Friday.
  - Palm Beach County – Closed Friday.
  - Pasco County – Closed Friday.
  - Pinellas County – Closed Friday.
  - Polk County – Closed Friday.
  - Putnam County – Closed Friday.
  - Seminole County - Closed Friday.
  - St. Johns County – Closed Friday.
• St. Lucie County – Closed Friday.
• Sumter County – Closed Friday.
• Suwannee County – Closed Friday.
• Union County – Closed Friday.
• Volusia County - Closed Friday.
• FAU Lab school – Closed Friday.
• Florida School for Deaf and Blind – Closed Friday.
• UF Lab School – Closed Friday.

• Universities/ college closures include:
  o University of North Florida: Closed today through Saturday.
  o Embry Riddle University: Closed today.
  o Florida Atlantic University: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Florida International University: Closed today.
  o Florida A&M University satellite campuses (in Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, and Tampa): Closed today through Sunday.
  o Nova Southeastern University: Closed today.
  o University of Central Florida: Closed today through Saturday.
  o Broward College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Daytona State College: Closed today.
  o Eastern Florida State College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Florida State College at Jacksonville: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Florida Gulf Coast University: Closed today.
  o Florida Polytechnic University: Closed today.
  o Lake-Sumter State College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Indian River State College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Miami Dade College: Closed today.
  o Palm Beach State College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Seminole State College of Florida: Closed today through Sunday.
  o St. Johns River State College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Valencia College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Broward College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o South Florida State College: Closed today.
  o University of Florida: Closed today.
  o College of Central Florida: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Florida Gateway College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Florida Southwestern State College: Hendry Glades Curtis Center closed today.
  o North Florida Community College: Closed today at 2:00pm.
  o Polk State College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Santa Fe College: Closed today through Sunday.
  o Pasco-Hernando State College: Closed today through Sunday.

GOVERNMENT CLOSURES
• County and state offices are closed Friday in the following counties:
  o Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee,
Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwannee, Union, and Volusia

**MILITARY SUPPORT**
- This morning, the National Guard will conduct an assessment on South Florida. Once they complete any recovery missions, they will join the troops deployed in Central and North Florida.
- Governor Scott has directed the Florida National Guard to activate a total of 3,500 National Guard members to support hurricane preparedness and response. This is over half of the available troops that may be activated.
- In addition to this, Florida has over 3,000 National Guard members ready to be deployed if needed.
- The National Guard moved helicopters from Duval County to Hernando County and are receiving additional aircraft, including heavy lift Boeing CH-47 Chinooks, through the Emergency Mutual Aid Compact.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE FIGHTING AND SEARCH & RESCUE**
- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), and other partnering agencies have identified resources for deployment to respond to the storm and are preparing to assist with search and rescue efforts.
- FWC has deployed three advanced reconnaissance teams to perform search and rescue operations in Brevard and Martin Counties. A fourth team is on standby to respond to Northeast Florida as soon as conditions allow. These teams, made up of a total of 90 members, have partnered with fire and rescue members. FWC also has more than 70 personnel, more than 90 water vessels and nine aircrafts placed strategically throughout affected areas for public safety patrol and search and rescue efforts.
- FHP has 150 Quick Action Force members deployed for public safety patrol across affected areas. FHP also has more than 100 personnel on standby. FHP is also continuing to use aircraft to monitor road conditions when weather permits.
- State Emergency Response Plan (SERP) Coordinator and Regional Coordinators have been notified so staffers and resources can be prepared for deployment.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL**
- There are currently three boil water notices in effect:
  - Vero Beach (Indian River County)
  - Port Orange (Volusia County)
  - Melbourne (Brevard County)
- DOH is monitoring and supporting special needs shelter activations.
The state is preparing personnel for deployment, such as State Medical Response Teams and Special Needs Sheltering Teams, to provide assistance to counties affected by the storm.

The following hospitals have evacuated patients:
  - Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Jacksonville Beach
  - Health First Cape Canaveral Hospital, Cocoa Beach
  - Florida Hospital Oceanside, Ormond Beach
  - Florida Hospital New Smyrna, New Smyrna Beach
  - Baptist Medical Center Nassau, Fernandina Beach
  - Wuesthoff Medical Center, Rockledge
  - Indian River Medical Center, Sebastian
  - Florida Hospital Flagler, Bunnell
  - DOH will be updating hospital evacuation information at FLHealth.gov

AHCA will continue to communicate with healthcare facilities over the weekend for updates and support. After hours contact information has been provided to over 8,000 nursing home and assisted living providers, and hospitals in the affected areas.

Statewide contact has been made with 2,897 providers, including the majority of providers in affected areas. Those unable to be reached will continue to be pursued until contacted.

Post impact reporting instructions have been shared including providing power status, generator status, and re-entry post evacuation.

**TOLLS**

Governor Scott directed DOT to suspend all tolls in the affected areas of the state, which includes the entire Florida Turnpike, Alligator Alley, Central Florida Expressway Authority and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. **All toll suspensions remain in effect and will remain suspended for at least 24 hours.** After the storm passes, county DOT officials will review this on a case by case basis.

**AIRPORTS**

The state is monitoring conditions at the following airports:
  - Tampa International Airport – OPEN
  - Orlando Sanford Airport – OPEN
  - Fort Lauderdale Hollywood Airport – CLOSED
  - Orlando International Airport – CLOSED
  - Jacksonville International Airport – OPEN (Limited service) – 10/04/16
  - Daytona Beach International Airport – OPEN (No commercial activity)
  - Destin – Fort Walton Beach / Eglin AFB - OPEN
  - Gainesville Regional Airport – OPEN
  - Key West International Airport – OPEN
  - Melbourne International Airport – CLOSED
  - Miami International Airport – OPEN (No commercial activity)
  - Northeast Florida Regional Airport – CLOSED
  - Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport – OPEN
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- Due to high winds from Hurricane Matthew, all the bridges in St. Johns County are closed. Dames Point Bridge is also closed.
- The State Rd 16 over St. Johns River in Clay County is also closed. Atlantic Blvd. at the Intercostal Waterway is closed due to downed power lines.
- The State Road 200 Bridge to Amelia Island is closed due to high winds.
- All other major roads and interstates in Florida are currently open.
- FDOT is investigating roadways in Miami and West Palm Beach. There are no issues to report at this time.
- FDOT will continue to halt construction work on all FDOT projects on Interstates, Limited Access facilities, coastal and evacuation route roadways. Contractors have been instructed to open all travel lanes by removing unnecessary barricades, signs and drums.
- FDOT District offices have emergency crews on standby. FDOT will continue to reach out to county emergency operations centers directly to coordinate any necessary response actions.
- Tri-Rail service remains suspended in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Service will be opened as conditions allow.
- More information on road and bridge closures can be found at www.fl511.com.
- Florida Highway Patrol traffic incidents by region can be found here.

HUMAN SERVICES

- Resources and Supplies
  - 150 truckloads of water are being prepositioned around the state and 63 truckloads of water are holding in the in State Logistics Response Center (SLRC). In total, this includes more than 302,000 gallons of water. This will be distributed throughout the affected counties once weather permits.
  - The SLRC also has currently have a trailer of meals, which includes more than 10,000 meal kits. In addition, more than 178,000 kits are expected to be delivered throughout the weekend.
- Anheuser-Busch is donating nine truckloads, more than 450,000 cans, of emergency drinking water in preparation for Hurricane Matthew. Several truckloads are headed to Florida communities including Deerfield Beach, West Palm Beach, Fort Pierce, Orlando, Melbourne and Daytona Beach.
• Food Safety Assessment teams remain on standby to monitor power outages and flooding to ensure safety at food establishments once weather conditions improve.
• The Division of Real Estate Development and Management continues to provide office space for FEMA in Tallahassee and space in Orlando to assist in response efforts.
• The Division of Real Estate Development and Management EOC has transferred to Orlando to coordinate the logistics staging area for equipment in response to the storm.

Volunteer Organizations
• Volunteer Florida has established a volunteer registration link for those who are interested in volunteering following Hurricane Matthew. Please visit www.volunteerflorida.org/hurricane-matthew to register. So far, more than 600 volunteers have registered within 24 hours.
• Individuals can also volunteer through the Red Cross by visiting RedCross.org
• The state is working with Volunteer Florida and other volunteers and donation agencies to identify available volunteers through Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and AmeriCorps to staff shelters if needed.
• Volunteer Florida is working with Community Emergency Response Teams that are on standby for possible deployment to impacted areas and is coordinating operations at the Leon County shelter.

Blood Donations
• After temporarily suspending some operations due to Hurricane Matthew, OneBlood, the local blood center, is resuming operations in select locations effective Friday, October 7th and is urging donors to donate as soon as possible to replenish the blood supply.
• OneBlood Locations Open on Friday, October 7th are:
  o Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties - Open
  o Broward County – Open
  o Palm Beach County - Boca Raton, Delray and Lantana donor centers open
  o Tampa Bay – Open, except Polk County is closed
  o Manatee County and surrounding areas - Open
  o Panhandle, including Tallahassee, Pensacola and Panama City areas – Open
  o Ft. Myers – Open, (except Sebring)
• For more information, please visit www.oneblood.org.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
• APD is communicating regularly with staff, providers, waiver support coordinators, and stakeholders about preparedness and response measures.
• Mutual Aid support from non-affected Regional Offices have been identified to support Regional Offices that may be impacted by the hurricane.
• Group Home Provider Evacuations Include:
- Southeast Region: Morning Star Community Home Inc. (Palm Beach Gardens), Poseidon Group Home (Lake Worth), Seagull Place ALF (Riviera Beach), MacTown 1st Avenue Group Home (Boyton Beach), MacTown Edmor Group Home (West Palm Beach), MacTown Redding Rd. (Boyton Beach)
- Central Region: Albion (Palm Bay), Pediatric Pavilion (Orlando, FL), Highland Terrace (Titusville)
- Northeast Region: Hibiscus Group Home (Jacksonville)

Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)
- DOEA is coordinating with Area Agencies on Aging across the state to communicate with clients, including elders and individuals with disabilities, and assist with evacuation coordination or transportation to local special needs shelters.
- Meals continue to be served to homebound clients, and in preparation for the storm, extra frozen and shelf-stable meals have also been provided.

Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA)
- Three of the state veterans’ nursing homes operated by the FDVA are on the east coast of Florida: Alexander “Sandy” Nininger State Veterans’ Nursing Home (Broward County), Emory L. Bennett State Veterans’ Nursing Home (Volusia County), Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans’ Nursing Home (St. Johns County). All of these facilities have permanent generators and administrators are working to ensure staff and supplies are available for residents.
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) operates a number of Florida-based medical centers and outpatient clinics in the watch and warning areas. The following VA clinics will be closed during the listed days:
  - All Miami VA Medical Center primary care and community based clinics, with the exception of Key West - Thursday and Friday
  - Miami Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
  - Fort Lauderdale Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
  - All West Palm Beach VA Medical Center primary care and community based clinics - Thursday and Friday
  - West Palm Beach VA Medical Center elective surgeries or procedures – Thursday Friday
  - Palm Beach (Freenacres) Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
  - Melbourne Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
  - Jupiter Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
  - Pompano Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
  - Viera Outpatient Clinic – Thursday - Saturday
  - Daytona Beach Outpatient Clinic - Thursday - Saturday
  - Port Orange Psychosocial Recovery & Rehabilitation Center (PRRC) - Thursday - Saturday
  - Orange City VA Clinic – Noon Thursday and Friday
  - Orlando VM Medical Center elective surgeries or procedures – Thursday and Friday
- Lake Baldwin Clinic – Noon Thursday and Friday
- Clermont Clinic – Noon Thursday and Friday
- Tavares Clinic – Noon Thursday and Friday
- Kissimmee Clinic – Noon Thursday and Friday
- Daytona Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
- St. Augustine Clinic - Thursday - Friday
- Jacksonville (all locations) – Thursday - Friday
- St. Mary’s (GA) Clinic – Thursday – Friday
- Palatka Clinic – Thursday – Friday
- The Villages Clinic – Friday
- Ocala Clinic – Friday
- Lecanto Clinic – Friday
- Jacksonville Vet Center – Thursday and Friday
- Lake City VAMC and Gainesville VAMC Outpatient Clinic- Appointments cancelled Friday

**BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, & ECONOMIC STABILIZATION**

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and DEM have activated the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center (FLVBEOC) to help identify and alleviate unmet needs between businesses and response partners. They are also working with businesses to make sure they have what they need to prepare for the storm.
  - The FLVBEOC is available at [www.flvbeoc.org](http://www.flvbeoc.org)
  - Click [HERE](http://www.flvbeoc.org) for Office and Warehouse space offerings for displaced or damaged businesses
- The state has activated the Private Sector Hotline at 850-410-1403. The hotline is available for business inquiries about the storm, preparedness information and post-impact information from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM ET.
- The state is planning for post-impact outreach to major retailers to identify open status of stores, major challenges to reopening and potential timelines.

**INSURANCE**

- In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, Floridians affected by the storm must now begin the process of surveying damages to their property and belongings. If you need help finding your Florida’s property insurance company’s website and contact information, click [HERE](http://www.flvbeoc.org). For a list of licensed insurance agents in Florida, click [HERE](http://www.flvbeoc.org).
- It is important to document all damaged property and belongings. A free smartphone app developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners called “MyHome Scr.APP.book” is available to assist with photo documentation.
- If you have questions about insurance coverage, you can call the Department of Financial Services, Division of Consumer Services’ Insurance Helpline at 1-877-693-5236. You can find other hurricane season resources from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation [HERE](http://www.flvbeoc.org).
• OIR will continue to communicate with DFS regarding the establishment of an insurance village, a mobile location for individuals to file insurance claims, if needed following the hurricane. OIR and DFS will also closely track insurance complaints to help protect Floridians.

HOTELS/ LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS
• VISIT FLORIDA has activated the Emergency Accommodations Module to keep visitors informed and is working with local tourism partners to collect and share information regarding the open status for major retailers and hotels. More information can be found HERE.
• VISIT FLORIDA has also compiled a list of available hotel accommodations for visitors who may need to evacuate. To view available accommodations, click HERE.
• VISIT FLORIDA and Expedia have partnered to identify cities and hotels which are further away from the projected storm path and have availability. Please visit www.expedia.com/florida to find available lodging.
• Airbnb is expanding activation of the Disaster Response Tool beyond coastal South Carolina to include portions of Florida. Please visit https://www.airbnb.com/disaster/florida to find available lodging.
  o Airbnb is asking hosts to aid in this effort by listing their available rooms or homes on the platform to help house the growing number of evacuees.
  o Local residents impacted by Hurricane Matthew will be able to secure emergency accommodations through the tool free of charge from now through October 12th

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
• The Department of Management Services’ Division of Telecommunications is currently monitoring telecommunication services to ensure first responders, residents and visitors are able to communicate response and recovery needs.
• The division is working with telecommunications partners on proactive and protective measures to prepare equipment, facilities and response personnel for Hurricane Matthew, as well as encouraging partners to report any communications outages or affects.
• The state is coordinating with state, federal and industry partners, and is prepared to help assess impacts to telecommunications facilities and infrastructure once weather conditions allow.
• The division is coordinating communications status reports of outages, affects or unmet needs with telecommunications industry.
• The division worked with telecommunications partners to pre-staged resources (personnel and equipment) to prepare for deployment, restoration and recovery efforts post-storm.

SEAPORTS
• The state is monitoring conditions at the following seaports:
  o Miami – CLOSED
  o Everglades – CLOSED
- Fort Pierce – CLOSED
- Palm Beach – CLOSED
- Canaveral – CLOSED
- Jacksonville – CLOSED
- Fernandina – CLOSED
- Saint Petersburg – OPEN (Limited operations)
- Tampa Bay – OPEN (Limited operations)
- Manatee – OPEN (Limited operations)
- Key West – OPEN

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)**
- Brigadier General David Turner, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is currently at the State EOC.
- A post storm inspection of the Herbert Hoover Dike will occur as soon as the Dike is accessible. Additional routine inspections will begin once the lake exceeds 17 feet. The lake level is currently at 15.93 feet.
- Discharges to the east of the Lake are currently ceased to provide area flood protection for residents of Martin and St. Lucie counties. Discharges will resume at 4,000 cubic feet per second to the west and 1,800 cubic feet per second to the east after the storm when it can be done safely.
- Working with Water Management Districts to monitor waterways; prepared to adjust flows as necessary.

**ST JOHNS WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
- 75% percent of the district is currently subject to hurricane force winds.
- SJWMD is actively monitoring the effects of the storm.

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
- SFWMD is gradually lowering canals.
- Inspecting key parts of the flood control system, critical flood control structures, and canals and levees for any obstructions.
- Ensuring adequate fuel supplies for pump stations and other equipment.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
- DEP is ready to deploy generators to water treatment plants if needed.
- Household Hazardous Waste debris and drop off sites have been established in all 67 counties
- DEP’s Florida Park Service is hosting U.S. Coast Guard vessels at select facilities along the East Coast of Florida to allow them to respond quickly to the areas most affected by the storm and is preparing strike teams to move into affected areas once the storm is passed.
- Some parks are beginning to reopen but more than 80 state parks and campgrounds remain closed. To view the full list, click [HERE](#).

**CONTACTS:**
• The Florida Emergency Information Line (FEIL) has activated and can be reached at 1 (800) 342-3557.
• State Emergency Operations Center Media Line: 850-921-0217.
• Follow @FLSert or @FLGovScott on Twitter for live updates on Hurricane Matthew.
• Visit [http://www.floridadisaster.org/info](http://www.floridadisaster.org/info) to find information on shelters, road closures, and evacuation routes.