



## Broward County Hurricane Advisory

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### County Under Local State of Emergency

#### - Mandatory Evacuations for East of Federal Highway at Noon Thursday -

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#### HURRICANE ADVISORY NO. 7

**BROWARD COUNTY, FL** - All County residents and businesses are encouraged to finalize plans and complete Hurricane preparations today and tomorrow in anticipation of Hurricane Irma, a very powerful storm with the capability of causing widespread damage.

Residents in low lying areas or mobile homes should begin voluntary evacuations today. **Mandatory evacuations** from these areas will begin at NOON on Thursday, and include areas **EAST of Federal Highway**, including the barrier islands. All tolls across the state have been suspended to make roads easily accessible for evacuations.

Broward County will open 14 shelters on Thursday, September 7th. Residents are reminded to bring anything that they need to stay comfortable in the shelter including bedding, snacks, water and important medications. Officials advise that shelters should be considered a refuge of last resort. They provide a short term place to weather the storm. The list of shelters is posted on [Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane).

#### Operational Updates:

- Broward County schools will be closed Thursday and Friday.
- Broward County Governmental Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday.
- Broward County Courthouses will be closed Thursday, Friday and Monday.
- All Broward County Parks and facilities, including campgrounds will be closed Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Port Everglades is currently operating under normal conditions. At this time there are no fuel shortages and the Port has adequate supplies of diesel, jet fuel and gasoline. Trucks will continue to deliver fuel to gas stations throughout South Florida until the County begins to experience Tropical Storm force winds. Passengers are encouraged to contact their cruise lines for possible delays or cancellations.

- Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport remains open at this time, but passengers are advised to check with their airline for possible delays or cancellations.
- Broward County Transit will operate on a Saturday schedule starting Thursday and continue operations until the weather becomes too dangerous. In addition to this schedule BCT will continue to operate Express bus service. Routes 15, 23, 56, and 88 will also be serviced and will run on a weekday schedule.
- County bridges, including the drawbridges over the New River, are functioning on a normal schedule but will be put in a locked down position no later than Friday at 8PM.
- Animal Care is suspending pet adoptions until further notice. Additionally, shelter admissions will be limited to stray cats and dogs only.

All residents should plan for at least three to five days of perishable food and water. If you are using a generator please place it in a well-ventilated area. To report power outages call 800-468-8243.

The Broward County Emergency Operations Center will be fully activated at 7AM on Thursday. The Broward County Emergency Hotline is open 24/7. Call 311 or 954-831-4000 to get answers to all of your hurricane-related questions.

Broward County news conferences are carried live on [Broward.org](http://Broward.org) and will be broadcast live on Twitter. **The next scheduled news conference is Thursday, September 7th, at 11:30AM.**

Visit [Broward.org](http://Broward.org) to follow us on [Twitter@ReadyBroward](https://twitter.com/ReadyBroward), subscribe to Broward County's new emergency alert notification system, [AlertBroward](http://AlertBroward), or "like" us on [Facebook@BrowardEMD](https://facebook.com/BrowardEMD). Visit [Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane) for a wealth of information on how to prepare for a storm, and for up to date information on protective actions, shelter locations, assistance services and other important recovery information.

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