



Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa Co. Declares State of Emergency in Preparation for Tropical Storm Isaac

Okaloosa County, Fla. – The Board of Commissioners declared a Local State of Emergency in preparation for Tropical Storm Isaac at 2:00 p.m. today. A coastal surge of 4-6 feet may be expected and a possible 10-12 inches of rain could cause local flooding. Please stay tuned to local television channels, radio and newspapers for updates. Other updates at this time include:

- All residents and visitors south of Highway 98, on low lying barrier islands, and all residents living in mobile homes, are under voluntary evacuation beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27. Mandatory evacuation may be called if conditions worsen.
- Anyone needing to check flights from NWF Regional Airport should call the 800 number for their particular airline.
- Joe's Bayou Boat Ramp fees are temporarily suspended by the city of Destin.
- No school closures at this time.
- Sandbags will be available at Public Works north (Hwy. 85) and south (Ready Ave.) beginning Monday, from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Supplies provided to individually fill the bags.
- No ban on alcohol at this time.
- The 911 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will activate at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27, at Level 2, which means Public Safety team goes into a 12-hour schedule.
- Full activation begins Tuesday, August 28, remaining throughout the storm.
- If necessary, Davidson Middle School shelter will open at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27.

Citizens are encouraged to tune into local radio stations and television for updated information on TS Isaac and to visit the Okaloosa County Emergency Website at www.okaloosaf1.com, follow us at OKALOOSAEOC on Twitter, and find us on Facebook at Okaloosa County Public Safety. If you need assistance with planning, visit Public Safety's web page for a list or call the Citizens Information Line at 311, within the county.

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