

Monroe County Hurricane Preparation – Evacuation

Who should Evacuate? Category 3, 4, AND 5 Hurricanes: By state statute, all persons are required to comply with an evacuation order. In this case, you will be directed to go to the mainland.

FOR ANY HURRICANE:

1. All persons that live in mobile homes, travel trailers, recreational vehicles (RVs), and boats are required to evacuate.
2. Without regard to structure type, all persons that live in low-lying areas or directly adjacent to the water will receive a recommendation to evacuate.
3. All persons that are sick, elderly, or disabled will receive a recommendation to evacuate the mainland.
4. All women in their third trimester of pregnancy will receive a recommendation to evacuate.

An evacuation is a slow, frustrating, time consuming experience. Evacuees exercise extreme caution in traffic, because they do not wish to lose their means of transportation. Provisions have been made to close US1 and move remaining evacuees into the safest structures available, as weather conditions deteriorate. You will not be caught on the highway during landfall of any hurricane. Remember these important points, while evacuating:

- Be prepared to leave early.
- Select and confirm your destination before leaving.
- Select your primary and alternate evacuation routes prior to leaving.
- Take detailed maps of areas around your destination and along your evacuation route.
- Monitor local media for important information from Emergency Management.
- Fill your Car's fuel tank, first.
- Check all fluid levels in your car.
- Check your spare tire and tire changing equipment.
- Take an adequate supply of food and water.
- Have sufficient cash to meet your needs.

Dangerous winds can often precede a hurricane by many hours. All persons evacuating with a large vehicle and those persons planning to tow a trailer or boat are required to leave early. Later in an evacuation, these vehicles will be removed from traffic.

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