

HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Guidelines for Evacuation and Re-Entry

Pre-Event Evacuation

When it is anticipated that an event will threaten lives and property, an evacuation order may be issued. Hurricanes provide advance warning. Today's science allows us to quantify the potential impact. With this information we are able to identify which segments of our population are most at risk and move them to safe areas.

Post-Event Evacuation

An evacuation may be called for after an event has occurred and affected a segment of the population so severely that they cannot remain in their homes. We would then issue an evacuation order until the situation is stabilized.

Controlled Area

Once the evacuation order has been issued, no-one will be allowed into the evacuated areas until the order is rescinded (Florida State Statute 252.36 G). This policy is also intended to reduce the possibility of looting while the area is unoccupied, and to control a possible influx of unauthorized and/or unlicensed clean-up or repair contractors once the evacuated area is re-opened. Thus, the evacuated area becomes a controlled area.

The controlled area will be secured by law enforcement personnel at various ingress and egress points through roving patrols within the controlled area. The purpose of issuing re-entry tags is to provide a way for Law Enforcement or other security personnel to easily identify the vehicles of residents or others who may be authorized to re-enter the controlled area. Access to a controlled area by boat will be discouraged.

Access Control into Controlled Area

At an Access Control Point, Law Enforcement will determine those vehicles that are authorized to be in the controlled area. Access may be granted by displaying a Florida driver's license with a local address within the evacuated area OR an authorized re-entry vehicle hang-tag and a current driver's license with matching names. Upon authorization to enter, the operator of each vehicle may be provided with a printed information sheet regarding hazards that they may encounter.

Implementation

To easily identify those vehicles authorized to re-enter the controlled area, vehicle hang-tags have been developed specifically for use in Hernando County. Tags will indicate information such as: resident or property owner's name; property address; name of community; expiration year; special instructions.

Tags are to be hung from the interior rear-view mirror of a vehicle while it is in the controlled area to indicate to an observer that it is authorized to be there. Tags must be removed from display when the vehicle exits the controlled area so it does not impede the driver's view.

GUIDELINES FOR RE-ENTRY TAGS

- A Florida State-Issued Photo Driver's License with a local address within the evacuated area
OR
- An out-of-state Driver's license and a Florida State-issued photo ID card with a local address within the evacuated area.

If you have either of these, you DO NOT need a re-entry tag.

TO OBTAIN A RE-ENTRY TAG:

You must be the property owner and/or reside at the property. Complete application below and attach government issued photo ID **and** one of the following:

- Tax receipt for the property within the controlled area with name matching your valid ID
- Electric, telephone, water, or cable TV utility bill indicating street address within the controlled area and same name matching your valid ID
- Copy of lease indicating street address within the controlled area and same name as your valid ID
- Or other documents justifying the need for access to the controlled area.

<i>Evacuation Zone/Housing Units</i>	<i>Tag Color/ Marking</i>
A/B Zone	Purple, Zone A
Mobiles/Modulars in Parks	Purple, Zone MHP
C Zone	Green, Zone C
D/E Zone	Gold, Zone D
Inland or River Flooding	Blue, RIVER

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Cut along double line before mailing

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

DAY TIME PHONE NUMBER _____

Please explain your purpose for re-entry to this property:

Return to: ***Hernando County Sheriff's Office***
Emergency Management
18900 Cortez Boulevard
Brooksville, FL 34601

Phone: 352-754-4083

www.hernadosheriff.org/em