



Tropical Storm Advisory

Tropical Storm Fay Media Advisory # 9

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Broward County residents should be prepared for sustained Tropical Storm Force winds beginning at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, August 19. The Broward County Emergency Operations Center will remain activated at a Level II to respond to any protective actions that may be necessary during this time.

Residents are strongly advised to remain indoors tonight and tomorrow morning while the tropical force winds are impacting Broward County. Broward County remains under a Tropical Storm Warning, Tornado Watch and Flood Watch.

Mass Transit will continue bus service this evening with their normal bus service ending at 12:45 a.m. when they will cease operations. Bus service will not resume operations until sustained tropical force winds have subsided. An update when bus service is expected to resume will be announced at 7 a.m. on Tuesday. Early morning bus riders can call 3-1-1 for updated information on when bus service will resume.

Three shelters opened today at 3:00 p.m. for residents that need to evacuate. The mass care shelter is located at Arthur Ashe Middle School, 1701 N.W. 23 Ave., Fort Lauderdale, and a pet-friendly shelter is open at Millennium Middle School, 5803 N.W. 94 Ave., Tamarac.

A Special Medical Needs shelter also opened today at 3:00 p.m. Residents can still call 3-1-1 if they need assistance to evacuate to a medical needs shelter.

As announced earlier, all County government offices will remain closed on Tuesday. The Broward County Commission meeting and workshop has been cancelled as well. Broward County employees can call the employee hotline at 954-831-8589 or 3-1-1 for information.

All Broward County bridges are now in a "locked down" position. During tropical storm force winds the roadways can be very dangerous. If a traffic signal is not working, the intersection should be treated as a four-way stop. Residents are asked not to drive unless it is an emergency during tropical storm force winds.

Garbage, recycling and bulk waste collection services will be suspended on Tuesday, August 19 in Coconut Creek, Miramar, North Lauderdale, Pembroke Park, Sunrise, Tamarac, Weston and Oakland Park.

Waste Management, Inc. will provide recycling, garbage and bulk waste collection on Tuesday, August 19, as soon as weather conditions allow in Cooper City, Coral Springs, Dania Beach, Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Hillsboro Beach, Hollywood, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Lazy Lake, Lighthouse Point, Margate, Parkland, Plantation, Pompano Beach, Sea Ranch Lakes, Southwest Ranches and West Park.

The Cities of Deerfield Beach, Hollywood and Hallandale Beach will provide collection services as scheduled on Tuesday.

The Southwest Regional (BIC) Landfill and Broward County's three Trash Transfer stations will be closed on Tuesday, August 19.

The Hurricane Hotline is operational, and residents can call 3-1-1 for information. The Broward County web site at www.broward.org provides detailed information on closures and other important announcements.

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