



Tropical Storm Advisory

Tropical Storm Fay Media Advisory # 11

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The Broward County Emergency Operation Center is continuing to monitor the impacts of Tropical Storm Fay and will continue to do so throughout the day. The Rapid Impact Assessment conducted by Broward County and all municipalities determined that there was minimal damage as a result of the storm.

Broward County remains under a Tropical Storm Warning. A flood watch is in effect until 8:00 p.m. this evening and a tornado watch until 4:00 p.m.

FPL reports that 5,300 customers are currently without power, primarily in northern Broward County. They are working continuously to restore power and have brought in extra crews to expedite the restoration process.

Approximately 30 traffic signals are not working at this time; however, that is primarily due to power outages. There are no reports of debris that would impact traffic. When a traffic signal is inoperable, motorists should treat the intersection as a four-way stop.

Broward County is in the process of returning to normal operations. The following information is provided:

Broward County School Board Chair Robin Bartleman announced that all Broward County schools and administrative offices will be open tomorrow, Wednesday, August 20. This will be the first day of schools and motorists are reminded to be aware of school zones and obey posted speed limits.

All Broward County government offices will be open tomorrow. This includes the Clerk of Courts, Public Defender's Office, State Attorney's Office, the judiciary, Property Appraiser's Office and the Supervisor of Election Office. It is expected that the Secretary of State will make a decision concerning the resumption of early voting later today.

Broward County bridges are now fully operational.

Mass Transit is operating on their normal bus schedule today. The number to call to check on bus schedules and routes is 954-357-8400. The telephone number for the hearing impaired is 954-357-8302.

Residents that have taken advantage of the Broward County mass care and special medical needs shelters are returning home. Transportation is being provided for those residents that need assistance.

The Coast Guard has opened Port Everglades to all ship traffic effective 10:30 a.m. this morning and the Greater Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is operating under normal conditions.

Starting on Wednesday, August 20, as per normal schedule, regular collection of recyclables and garbage will resume in all of Broward County. Items not picked up (while services were suspended) will be collected on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

Residents that have sustained damage to their homes and need assistance should call the Red Cross at 954-797-3800 for assistance.

The 3-1-1 hotline will remain operational throughout the day for residents that may need assistance. The hotline has responded to more than 18,500 calls since the hotline became operational at noon on Sunday.

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