

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 8, 2018

**LEVY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EVACUATION FOR COASTAL AREAS OF LEVY COUNTY**

An **EVACUATION** has been ordered for Levy County residents and visitors in the coastal areas of Levy County. This includes, but is not limited to Cedar Key, Yankeetown, Fowlers Bluff, Fanning Springs, and any other area that is prone to storm surge. Please start your preparations for evacuations as soon as you can and be completed by 8pm on Tuesday. Residents and visitors of Cedar Key need to be off the island before the storm surge arrives. The bridges throughout the island cannot withstand the storm surge and will become impassable. Once the storm surge comes in, help may not be able to reach you.

The Special Needs shelter will be open tomorrow, October 9th at 2pm at the Bronson Elementary School located at 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL 32621

A shelter of last resort will be available Tuesday October 9th at 2pm at the Bronson Elementary School located at 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL 32621

Residents and visitors seeking shelter at the general population shelters will need to bring pillows, blankets, and bedding. Cots will not be available.

NO Shelters in Levy County are pet friendly. Residents with dogs or cats that need to be sheltered have to bring a crate, food for the pet and a current rabies certification to the Levy County Animal Services building at 12055 NE 69th Ln, Bronson, FL 32621. If you do not provide proof of rabies vaccination, the county veterinarian will administer the vaccination for \$10. Only cash will be accepted.

All dogs and cats will be sheltered at the Levy County Animal Services facility in Bronson. We highly encourage residents and visitors to plan for alternative arrangements for their pets if possible.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to complete preparations and evacuations before 8pm on Tuesday October 9th. This evacuation order is intended for residents and visitors along the coastal areas of Levy County that are prone to storm surge. If you live in a coastal area, it is suggested that you move somewhere inland or out of the area before the onset of the storm surge issues.

Residents and visitors who do not have transportation and need to evacuate to a shelter should call 352-486-3485 starting Tuesday at 8am. For all other questions, please call 352-486-5155 or 352-486-5576.

Shelter Locations:

Bronson Elementary School
400 Ishie Avenue
Bronson, Fl 32621

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 352-486-5155. Do not rely on rumors. If you are unsure, please contact us.