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Okeechobee County Advisory on HURRICANE MILTON

As of Monday, October 7, at 1:00 P.M. Okeechobee County has these important updates:

- **Residents should complete all storm preparations no later than Tuesday evening.** Okeechobee County is currently under a HURRICANE WATCH and FLOOD WATCH. Increased rainfall is expected in the days leading up to landfall, with tropical storm or hurricane conditions Wednesday lasting 12-18 hours. This forecast has the potential to change in the coming days.
- SHELTERS will be opening on TUESDAY 10/8/24 at 5:00 p.m.
 - SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER: Department of Health: 1700 NW 9th Avenue. Registration is required at <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/>
 - GENERAL POPULATION and PET FRIENDLY SHELTER: South Elementary School: 2468 SW 7th Avenue. Pets are required to be registered with the County and provide a crate, up to date shot records, food for at least 3-5 days, water for the animal and a litter box if the pet is a cat. (Pets can be registered on site for a \$5 fee. There is no fee if the pet is already registered.)
- A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION will be issued on Tuesday 10/8/24 at 5:00 p.m. for all low-lying areas and mobile homes.
- SANDBAGS are available at the Public Works Department Compound (804 NW 2nd Street). Limited bags (10/vehicle) and shovels will be available for no charge. Citizens will be required to fill their own bags, however, if you are a special needs resident and require assistance with sandbags please call 863-763-3514 Monday between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A Community INFORMATION CALL LINE is available at 863-824-6888 and will continue as needed daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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