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## **Pasco County Issues Local State of Emergency; Opens Shelter**

*~~Tropical Storm Nicole expected to bring wind; rain~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- The [Pasco Board of County Commissioners](#) has issued a **Local State of Emergency** for Pasco County ahead of Tropical Storm Nicole, allowing the County Administrator and Emergency Management Director to take necessary action to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our community. The Local State of Emergency is in effect for seven days unless renewed or rescinded.

Pasco County is **opening a hurricane shelter** for anyone seeking shelter from the storm. We encourage you to first consider staying with family or friends, but if that's not an option, you can self-evacuate to the **Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter**, located at [11161 Denton Avenue](#) in Hudson. The shelter will open **today, Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m.** Keep in mind, Pasco County is not accepting **new** special needs registrations, and due to the possibility of high winds, the county is not providing transportation to the shelter.

Heavy rain and storm surge is expected to impact our area, and Pasco County is reminding you to avoid walking, driving or playing in floodwaters, which can be much deeper than they look. Driving or walking through flooded roads can put you at serious risk of drowning.

To help protect your property from floodwaters, Pasco County has two, self-serve sandbag locations:

- **Magnolia Valley Golf Course:** [7223 Massachusetts Avenue](#), New Port Richey
- **Pasco County Public Works (C-Barn):** [30908 Warder Road](#), San Antonio

Sandbag sites are self-serve and open 24/7. Sandbags are provided, but you must bring your own shovels to fill the bags.

Please monitor [MyPasco.net](#) and our [social media platforms](#) for county updates.

Pasco County **Customer Service** is available to answer your questions. Please call **727.847.2411** or chat with us online at [MyPasco.net](#). Call 911 if you need emergency assistance.