

Immediate Release

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Hurricane Irma Update

St Marys, GA - September 13, 2017- The City of St. Marys continues to be under a voluntary evacuation order. Here are updates for City residents, and we recommend that you check the County website www.camdencountyga.gov in addition to the City's website www.stmarysga.gov .

City Utilities

The City of St. Marys continues to operate our water and sewer facilities, but is at maximum capacity. We ask that you minimize use of these facilities, as they are under stress, and any additional stress could cause the systems to fail. The City of St. Marys is **NOT** under a boil water advisory at this time.

City Work Efforts

The City remains focused on opening roadways. The National Guard has arrived and is assisting the City workforce in order to clear the roads of trees and debris.

Trash and Vegetative Waste

The City of St. Marys will begin normal trash collection on Thursday, collecting the normal Thursday route, as well as collecting vegetative brush only from the right of way. Vegetative brush will include storm brush debris, but no construction debris at this time.

The City is reviewing the contract regarding pickup of construction debris and will provide an update regarding this possible pickup at a later date.

The City has provided dumpsters at the waterfront for pickup of construction debris only from the waterfront. No vegetative debris is allowed to be placed in those dumpsters.

Damage Assessments

City Staff is preparing an email address for sending in private home and business claims, so that we can compile them for GEMA/FEMA. We anticipate having this email address operational by Thursday, September 14, 2017. You will need to include your physical address, email and phone number, damage sustained, documentation of damage (photos) and estimated cost of repair.

Curfew

A City and County wide curfew will remain in effect from 8 pm to 6 am until further notice.

City Facilities

All City facilities will remain closed through Friday, September 15, 2017 as staff continues to deal with hurricane recovery efforts.

Boating Access

The Wheeler Street boat ramp will remain closed indefinitely due to significant damage. Meeting Street is closed except for emergency operations to include Navy, Coast Guard and County Emergency operations. The City will review the status of the Meeting Street boat ramp with the Department of Natural Resources to see if can be opened for further recovery efforts.

Electric Service

The City has spoken to representatives from GA Power, and we have been advised that 7000 are currently without electric in the County due to the extensive damage in our area. Power will be restored on an incremental basis, and they hope to have power to the majority of households by Saturday evening. As of 09:45 am, OREMC has 1749 without electric in our area and has crews out to restore power to their areas.

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