

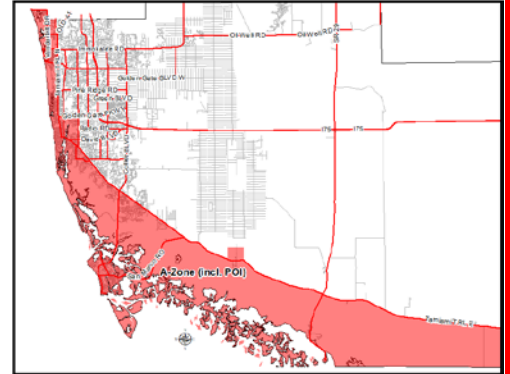
ZONE A (Alpha)

Overview

Zone A is our most vulnerable area and will be first to be impacted for a land-falling storm. Evacuation may be necessary for an exiting storm.

Boundaries

All areas west and south of US-41 (Tamiami Trail) to include Port of the Islands (POI) and the area bounded to the north by Golden Gate Pkwy and to the east by Airport-Pulling Rd.



What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

Due to the low elevation and proximity to beaches and other tidal waters (rivers, creeks and canals), potentially fatal storm surge and large, crashing waves are the most extreme dangers. However, winds will also be highest in Zone A and pose additional dangers.

When Will I Be Ordered to Evacuate?

Zone A will be the first area ordered to evacuate. This will most likely come early in any storm event, when the skies are “blue”. When evacuations are called for both sides of the boundary roads are meant to be included in the evacuation.

What Might Happen if I Ignore Evacuation Orders?

You are gambling with your and your family’s lives. Also, it is highly unlikely that you can protect your property if you stay. Emergency services will be unavailable for extended periods. If you get into trouble, you will have to wait not only for the storm to leave your area, but for it to pass through the rest of the County before help can come. If you still have communications after the storm passes, 9-1-1 emergency responses to your calls for aid may be delayed due to blocked roadways and downed trees and power lines.

What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

Any flood waters will rise quickly but recede very slowly. That water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be out for a long time and, when restored, many houses will be unable to receive power due to damaged infrastructure.

Can’t I Leave After the Storm Passes?

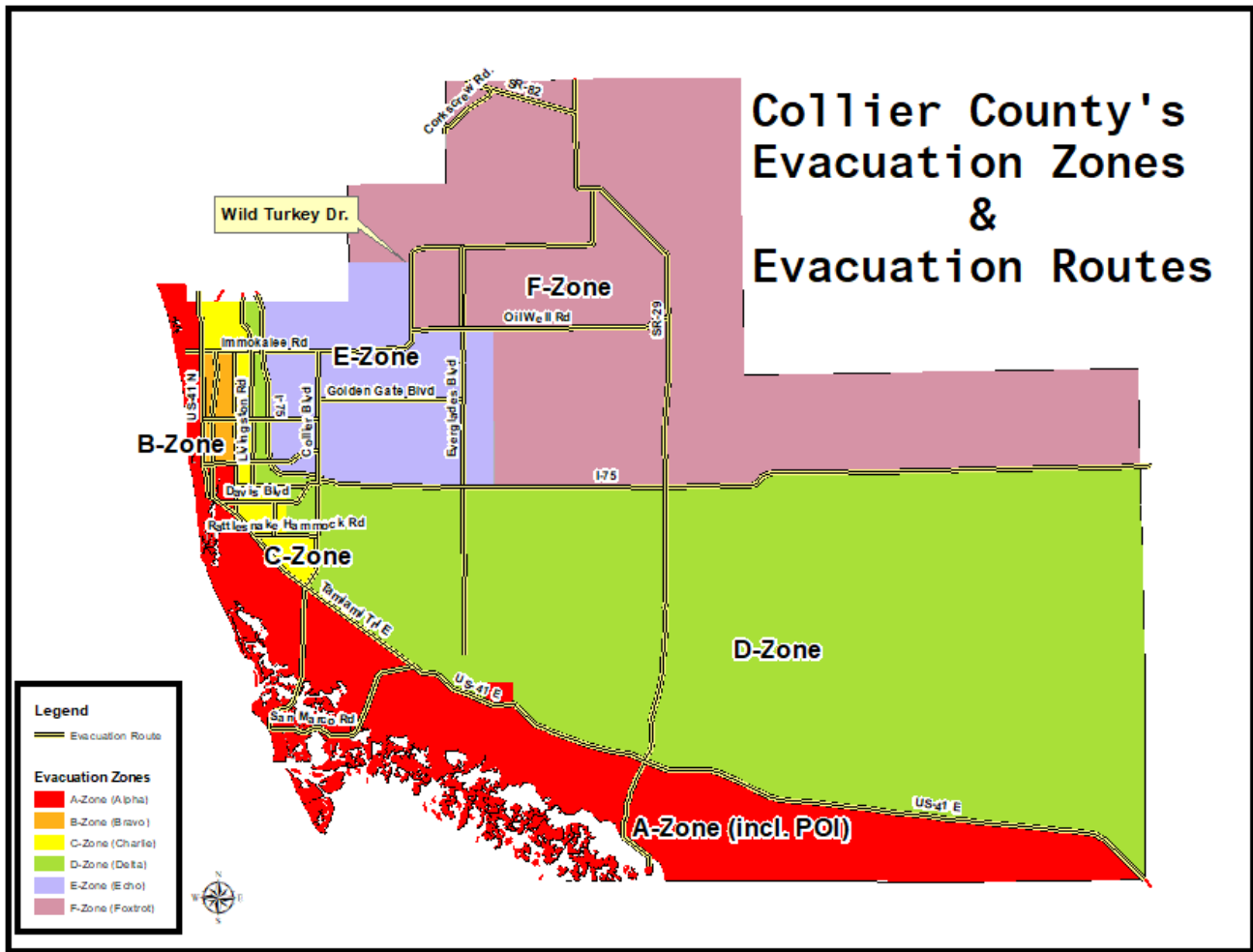
If you survive, leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Since Zone A receives the most devastating impacts, travel is even more difficult than in other areas. Most vehicles will not be operable. Streets, major roads and bridges will sustain heavy damage, or fail entirely, due to surge and wave actions. Roads that do survive will be covered in flood water and/or debris. These problems will delay emergency responder if needed.

So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

Evacuate when directed to do so. Make a plan and prepare a survival kit. Leave when asked, or sooner, if you can. Know where you will go, how you will get there and what you will carry. Finally, plan to return only when it is safe to do so.

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