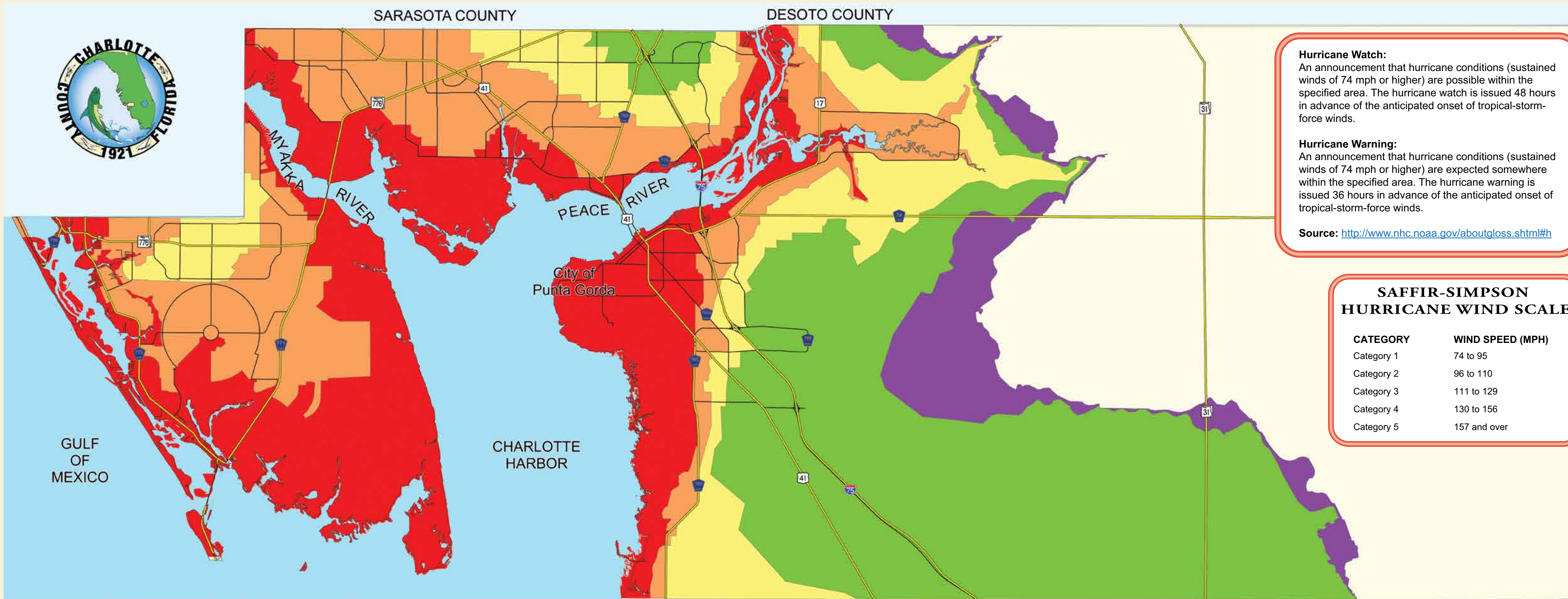


# CHARLOTTE COUNTY

## EVACUATION ZONES & SHELTERS

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHELTER INFORMATION



**Hurricane Watch:**  
An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. The hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

**Hurricane Warning:**  
An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. The hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Source: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutgloss.shtml#h>

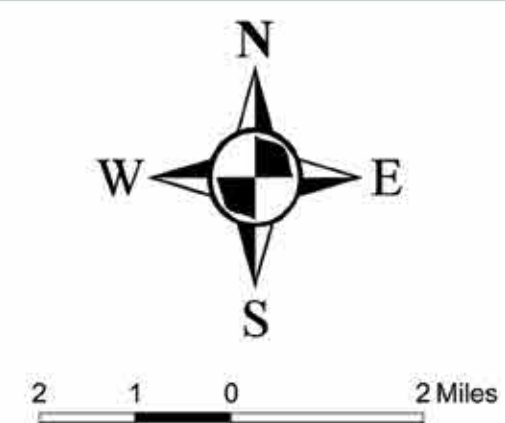
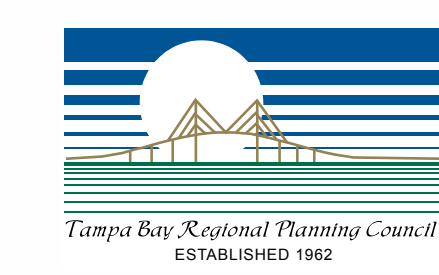
**SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE**

CATEGORY	WIND SPEED (MPH)
Category 1	74 to 95
Category 2	96 to 110
Category 3	111 to 129
Category 4	130 to 156
Category 5	157 and over

Stateplane Projection  
Datum: NAD83  
Units: Meters  
Source: CCGIS, Emergency Mngmt  
Metadata available upon request

**LEGEND**

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- Non Evacuation Zone
- Evacuation Routes



### USING YOUR COUNTY MAP

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
3. If you are in an evacuation area, or mobile home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
  4. Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zone
  5. Hotel/motel outside the evacuation zone (make arrangements early)
  6. Go to a public shelter
  7. As a last resort leave the area entirely
8. If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

### HURRICANE THREAT

- ✓ The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is produced by water being pushed towards the shore by the force of the winds moving around the storm.
- ✓ Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life threatening situation for anyone who ignores mandatory evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- ✓ Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. The evacuation zones are color coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur.
- ✓ If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your family/pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave immediately. Failure to obey a mandatory evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.

**Note:** All persons living in mobile homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county.

When our office, Charlotte County Emergency Management, calls for evacuations it will be by evacuation zone color. **It is imperative that you KNOW YOUR ZONE.** Our office along with community volunteers, have installed over 9,500 reflective colored collars on stop signs and/or street signs at major intersections throughout the county. You can locate your zone on a stop/street sign near you. Another source is the county website [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) and selecting KNOW YOUR ZONE. Then, simply enter your street address and name to locate your colored evacuation zone. When our office calls for evacuations it will be by color, so it is imperative that you KNOW YOUR ZONE. For those without access to a computer, simply call our office at 941-833-4000 for assistance.

SHELTER NAME	ADDRESS
CULTURAL CENTER OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY	2280 AARON ST., PORT CHARLOTTE
KINGSWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	23300 QUASAR BOULEVARD, PORT CHARLOTTE
L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL	245 COUGAR WAY, ROTUNDA WEST
LEMON BAY HIGH SCHOOL	2201 PLACIDA RD, ENGLEWOOD
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	370 ATWATER STREET, PORT CHARLOTTE
MEADOW PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3131 LAKEVIEW BLVD. NW, PORT CHARLOTTE
MURDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL	17325 MARINER WAY, PORT CHARLOTTE
MYAKKA RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12650 WILMINGTON BLVD, ENGLEWOOD
PORT CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL	18200 COCHRAN BLVD, PORT CHARLOTTE
PORT CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL	23000 MIDWAY BLVD, PORT CHARLOTTE
SALLIE JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1221 COOPER STREET, PUNTA GORDA
SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK	CARMALITA & COOPER STREET/ 670 COOPER STREET, PUNTA GORDA
VINELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	467 BOUNDARY BLVD, ENGLEWOOD
NEW DAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER)	20212 PEACHLAND BLVD, PORT CHARLOTTE <b>(REGISTER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERING: 941-833-4000)</b>

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY SHELERS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY DUE TO ELEVATION. THE REFUGE SITES LISTED ABOVE MAY BE OPENED DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE EVENT.

**NOT ALL SHELTERS MAY BE OPENED!**

CITIZENS ARE URGED TO LISTEN TO LOCAL RADIO OR TELEVISION STATIONS OR CALL 211 TO FIND OUT WHICH SHELTERS MAY BE OPENED.

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

POLICE, FIRE, EMS EMERGENCIES	911
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ENGLEWOOD	941-639-2101 941-474-3233
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	941-833-4000
CHARLOTTE COUNTY GOVERNMENT	941-743-1200
CHARLOTTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	941-624-7200
CHARLOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	941-575-3697
CHARLOTTE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	941-833-5690
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ENGLEWOOD	941-764-4360 941-697-4000
CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES	941-764-4300
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	941-255-0808
PUNTA GORDA GOVERNMENT	941-575-3310
PUNTA GORDA PUBLIC WORKS	941-575-5050
PUNTA GORDA UTILITIES	941-575-3339
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT	1-800-468-8423
SALVATION ARMY	941-629-3170
AMERICAN RED CROSS	941-629-4345
OFFICIAL INFORMATION DURING EMERGENCIES	211

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