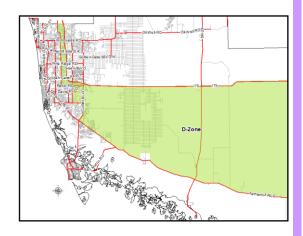
## **ZONE D (Delta)**

#### Overview

Zone D is mainly vulnerable to storm surge in the areas south of I-75. from a major landfalling hurricane. Well prepared and protected buildings should be safe in most events. However, if evacuations are required, the safest option may be to travel to the east coast.

## **Boundaries**

From the north, the areas between Livingston Rd and I-75 down to Radio Rd. Then the area south of I-75, to the east of Santa Barbara Blvd to Rattlesnake Hammock; south of I-75 and east of Collier Blvd and north of Tamiami Trl E to I-75.



## What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

Wind, including tornadoes, is the most significant danger in Zone D. Also, heavy rains can flood homes and roads. Freshwater flooding is survivable unless the sheet-flow flooding obscures the road boundaries and the roadside ditch line. Also, a major hurricane could create saltwater surge flooding in some areas.

#### When Will I Be Ordered to Evacuate?

Zone D will be one of the last areas evacuated. However, if evacuations are ordered, greater distances and more time may be required. Time may appear excessive, but it is not! For evacuation, excluding I-75, both sides of the boundary roadways are included in the evacuation orders.

## What Might Happen if I Ignore Evacuation Orders?

If a major landfalling hurricane threatens, life threatening surge conditions will trigger evacuation orders. Additionally, dangerous winds result in major damages to your home, leaving you exposed to the storm or trapped. Either case puts your safety in jeopardy. If you get into trouble, emergency services may be unavailable or delayed.

## What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

Flood water will recede very slowly. The water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be off due to damage and accessibility issues. Many homes in the area south of I-75 in this zone use wells and septic tanks. Wells may be inoperable and unsafe if they were flooded. Septic tanks may not function and could add to contamination of the area.

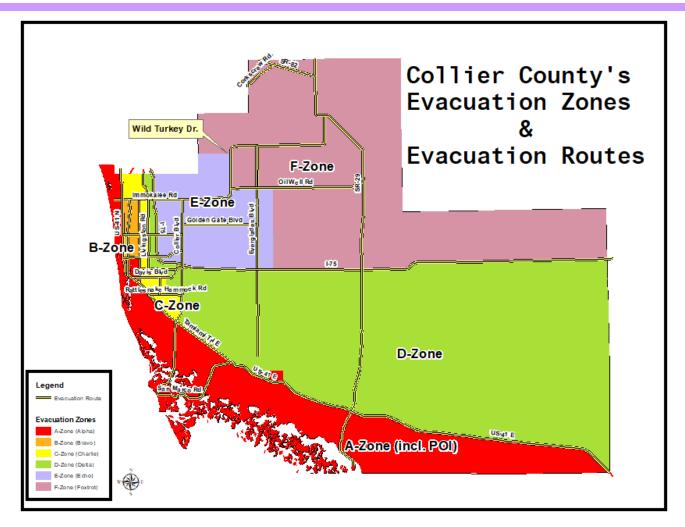
## Can I Leave After the Storm Passes?

Leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Roads and bridges may sustain damage to the road bed. Roads that survive may be covered in flood water and/or debris. These issues will also delay emergency response.

## So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

With at least 72 hours' worth of supplies (water, food and batteries), remain in your home if it is strong against the expected wind, with window and door protection. Evacuate if your home is unsafe or you are directed to do so. Know where you will go, how you will get there and what you will carry. Plan to return only when it is safe to do so. If you stay, make sure you understand that electricity will be off and emergency services may be delayed. Make sure you are prepared to face and overcome these obstacles.

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