# **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.

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# 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?

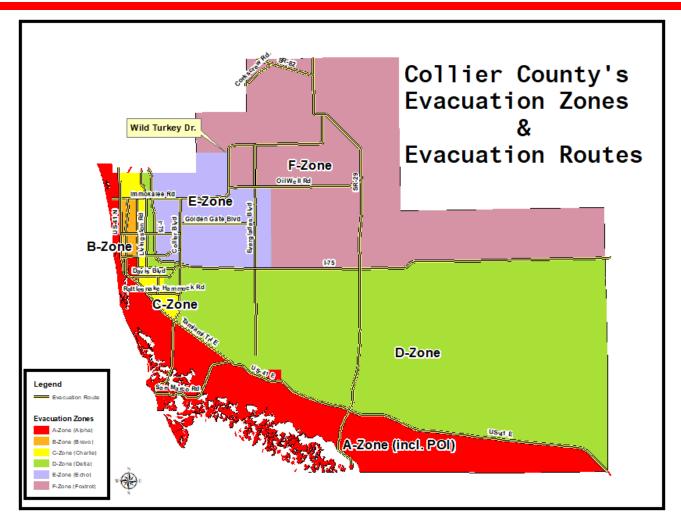
Any flood waters will rise quickly but recede very slowly. That water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be out for a long time and, when restored, many houses will be unable to receive power due to damaged infrastructure.

#### 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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# **ZONE B (Bravo)**

#### Overview

Zone B is very vulnerable to dangerous winds and storm surge flooding from a landfalling storm. Evacuation will often be required for a tropical cyclone coming from the Gulf.

#### **Boundaries**

North boundary is Immokalee Road. South boundary is Golden Gate Parkway. West boundary is Tamiami Trail N. (US-41). The East boundary is Airport-Pulling Road N.

# What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

While not the lowest in elevation or closest to tidal water, Zone B is still vulnerable to potentially fatal levels of storm surge and some wave action. Since foundations here may not be as strong as areas closest to the water, homes may fail when flooded. Wind will also pose a danger, especially to unprepared homes.



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

Zone B will be among the first areas ordered to evacuate for a hurricane. This will likely come early, when the skies are "blue". When ordered to evacuate both sides of the boundary roadways will be expected to evacuate.

# 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 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?

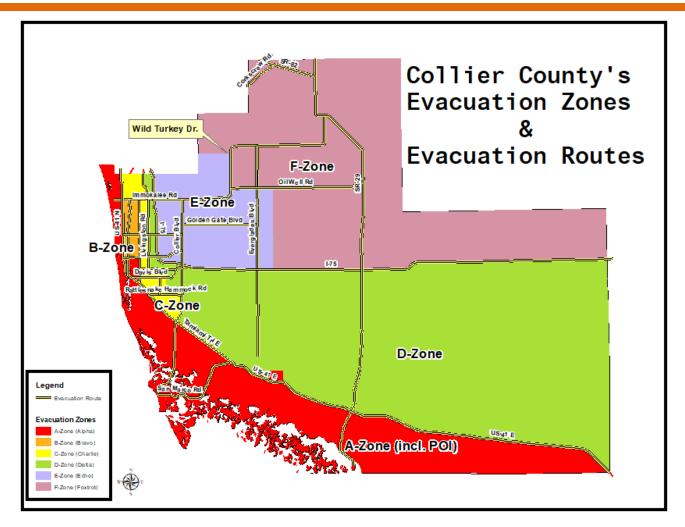
Any flood waters will rise quickly but recede very slowly. That water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be out for a long time and, when restored, many houses will be unable to receive power due to damaged infrastructure.

#### Can't I Leave After the Storm Passes?

If you survive, leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Streets and major roads may sustain heavy damage or fail entirely due to storm surge flooding. Roads that survive will be covered in flood water and/or debris. These issues will also delay emergency response.

# So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

Evacuate when 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 are not ordered to evacuate and stay home, make sure your home is above the expected surge height and all windows and doors are protected against the wind.



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# **ZONE C (Charlie)**

#### **Overview**

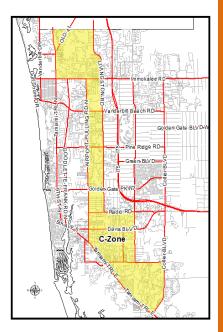
Zone C is very vulnerable damaging effects of storm surge and high winds from a landfalling hurricane. Evacuation may be required for a major hurricane.

#### **Boundaries**

From the north, areas between Tamiami Trl N and Livingston Rd to Immokalee Rd. Then, area south of Immokalee Rd, between Airport-Pulling and Livingston Rds down to Radio Rd. From Radio Rd, between Airport-Pulling Rd and Santa Barbara Blvd down to Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. Finally, the area within the triangle formed by Rattlesnake Hammock Rd, Collier Blvd and Tamiami Trl E.

# What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

While not closest to tidal water, Zone C is still vulnerable to storm surge flooding. Homes may fail when flooded. Damaging winds will also pose a danger to unprepared homes.



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

Zone C may be ordered to evacuate for a landfalling major hurricane. This will likely come early, when the skies are blue. When evacuations are called for, both sides of the boundary roadways are included in the evacuations.

# 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 for the storm to leave your area and 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 power lines.

### What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

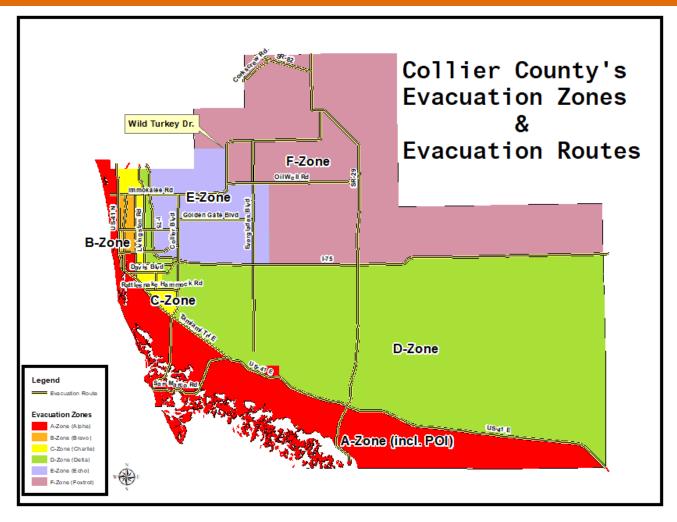
Any flood waters will rise quickly, but recede very slowly. That water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be out for a long time and, when restored, many houses will be unable to receive power due to damaged infrastructure.

#### Can't I Leave After the Storm Passes?

If you survive, leaving after the storm will be difficult and dangerous. Streets, major roads and bridges may sustain heavy damage or fail entirely due to surge flooding. These issues will also delay emergency response.

# So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

Evacuate if 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 are not ordered to evacuate and stay home, make sure your home is above the expected surge height and all windows and doors are protected against the wind.



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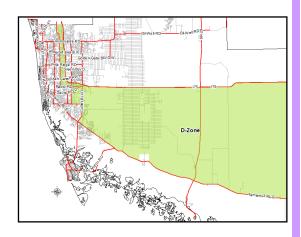
# **ZONE D (Delta)**

#### **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?

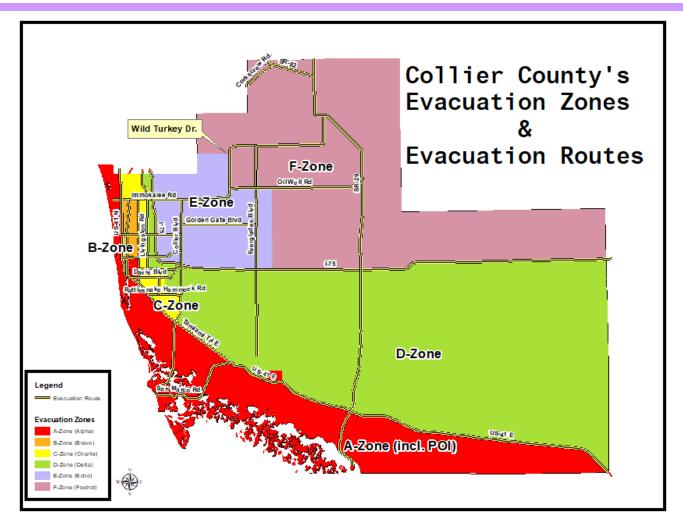
Flood water will recede very slowly. The water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be off due to damage and accessibility issues. Many homes in the area south of I-75 in this zone use wells and septic tanks. Wells may be inoperable and unsafe if they were 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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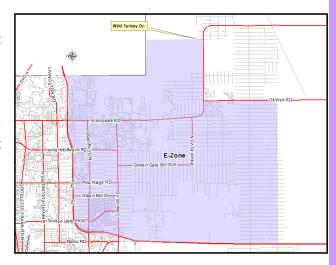
# **ZONE E (Echo)**

#### **Overview**

Zone E is one of our least vulnerable evacuation zones. Well prepared and protected buildings should be safe in all but catastrophic events.

# What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

Storm surge from a major hurricane making landfall from the south and winds, including tornadoes, pose the most significant dangers in Zone E. Also, heavy rains can flood homes and roads. Freshwater flooding, while uncomfortable, is survivable unless the sheet-flow flooding obscures the road boundaries and the roadside ditch line.



### When Will I Be Ordered to Evacuate?

Zone E is unlikely to receive evacuation orders except from the rarest, most severe approaching hurricane. However, you may be required to evacuate if your home is susceptible to wind (mobile homes, substandard construction or unprotected windows and doors) or fresh water flooding in low-lying areas. If ordered to evacuate, evacuate both sides of the boundary roadways.

# What Might Happen if I Ignore Evacuation Orders?

Death, if asked to evacuate from storm surge. Wind damage can result in the total destruction of your home, leaving you exposed to the storm or trapped in the rubble. Either case puts your and your family's lives in jeopardy. If you get into trouble, emergency services may be unavailable or delayed.

# What Are Some Other Safety Concerns?

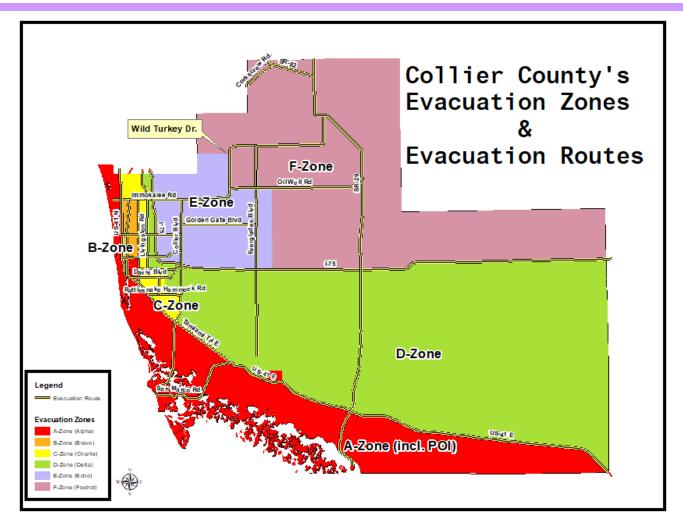
Flood water recede very slowly. The water and the ground may be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be off due to damage and accessibility issues. Many homes in this zone use wells and septic tanks. Wells may be inoperable and unsafe if they were flooded. Septic tanks might not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

#### Can I Leave After the Storm Passes?

Leaving after the storm could 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 could also delay emergency response.

# So, What Are My Safer Alternatives?

Remain in your home if it is strong against the expected wind, with window and door protection. If you opt to remain, you should have AT LEAST 72 hours of food, water and batteries available. 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 will be delayed. Make sure you are prepared to face and overcome these obstacles.



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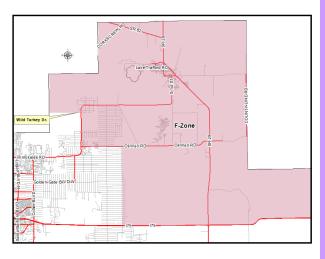
# **ZONE F (Foxtrot)**

#### **Overview**

Zone F is our least vulnerable evacuation zone. Well prepared and protected buildings should be safe in all but catastrophic events.

# What Are the Most Dangerous Hazards?

Storm surge from a major hurricane making landfall from the south and wind, including tornadoes, pose the most significant dangers in Zone F. Also, heavy rains can flood homes and roads. Freshwater flooding, while uncomfortable, is survivable unless the sheet-flow flooding obscures the road boundaries and the roadside ditch line.



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

Zone F is unlikely to receive evacuation orders except from the rarest, most severe approaching hurricane. However, you may be required to evacuate if your home is susceptible to wind (mobile homes, substandard construction or unprotected windows and doors) or fresh water flooding in low-lying areas. If ordered to evacuate, evacuate both sides of the boundary roadways.

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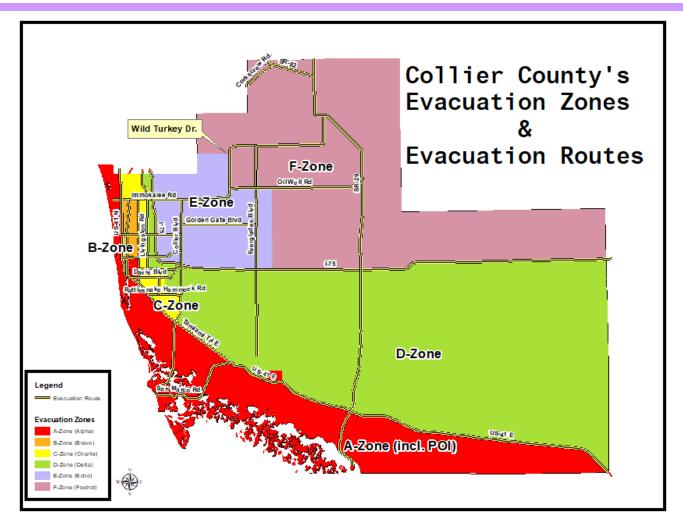
Flood water will recede very slowly. The water and the ground could be contaminated with chemicals and raw sewage. Electricity will be off due to damage and accessibility issues. Many homes in this zone use wells and septic tanks. Wells could be inoperable and unsafe if they were flooded. Septic tanks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

#### Can I Leave After the Storm Passes?

Leaving after the storm may 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.

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