

# PINELLAS COUNTY EVACUATION ZONE MAP

- Find your evacuation zone
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- Evacuation guidelines



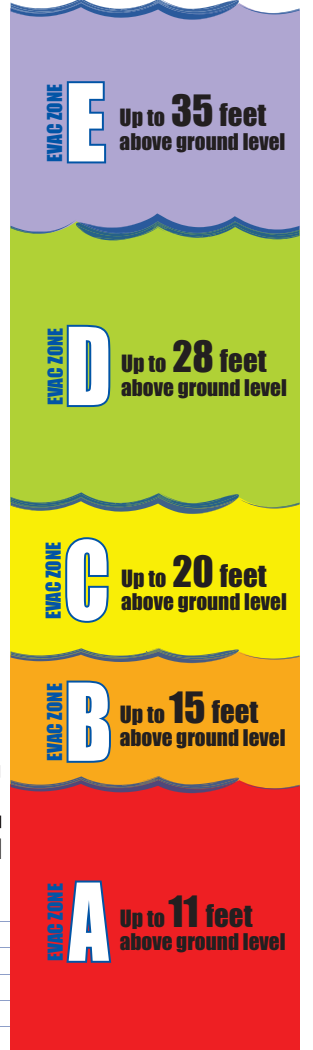
## Look up Your Evacuation Zone

Look up your evacuation zone to find out if and when you should evacuate – even if you have looked it up in the past. There are some changes in the Evacuation Map so please **double check your zone**.

- As technology improves, those areas impacted by deadly storm surge are better defined based on multiple factors and we are able to better map out which properties would be affected by deadly storm surge. As a result, there are changes to the evacuation map. Please confirm your evacuation zone.
- Please note that the map to the left does not show the detail needed to Know Your Zone. Always use your exact address to look up your zone.
- Remember: If you live on a barrier island or in a mobile home, you will ALWAYS have to evacuate.

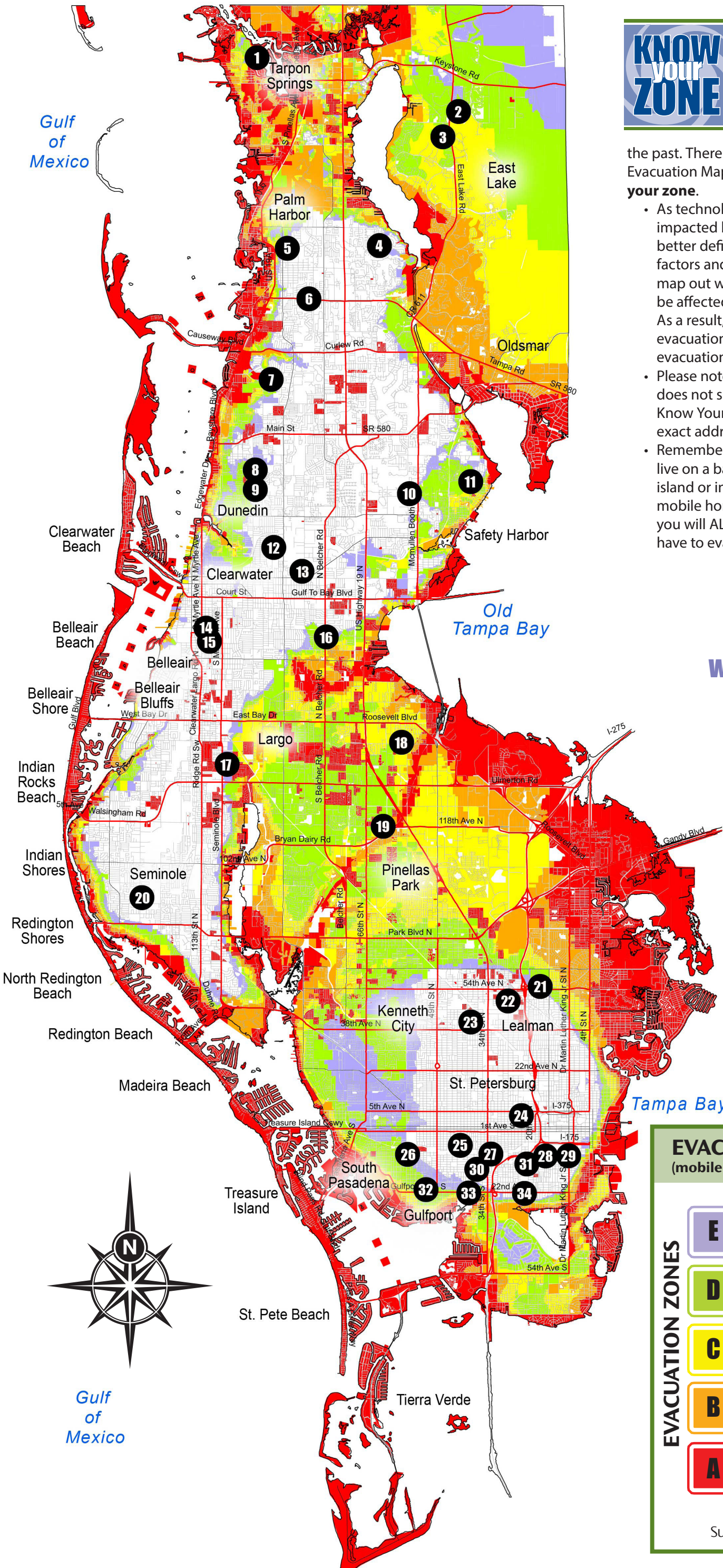
**STORM SURGE**  
and you

5 feet  
4 feet  
3 feet  
2 feet  
1 foot



## Ways to Find Your Evacuation Zone:

- Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency), click on "Know Your Zone."
- Look at "Know Your Zone" at <http://egis.pinellascounty.org/apps/knowyourzone/>.
- Look up the Storm Surge Protector interactive tool at [egis.pinellascounty.org/apps/stormsurgeprotector/](http://egis.pinellascounty.org/apps/stormsurgeprotector/).
- Download the Pinellas County "Doing Things for You" app on your mobile device. Search for "Pinellas County" and choose the app with the county logo. Look for the "Know Your Zone" button. You can also find your evacuation zone on your Pinellas County Utilities bill.
- Call (727) 453-3150 and enter your 10-digit home phone number (does not work for cell phone numbers).
- Download the "Ready Pinellas" app on your mobile device. Enter your address and you will be provided information on your evacuation level, the closest hotel accommodations and closest shelter.



EVACUATION GUIDELINES (mobile homes MUST always evacuate)	
Potential Surge Heights (in feet)	
<b>E</b>	<b>Up to 35'</b> Evacuate red, orange, yellow, green and purple areas and all mobile homes
<b>D</b>	<b>Up to 28'</b> Evacuate red, orange, yellow and green areas and all mobile homes
<b>C</b>	<b>Up to 20'</b> Evacuate red, orange and yellow areas and all mobile homes
<b>B</b>	<b>Up to 15'</b> Evacuate red and orange areas and all mobile homes
<b>A</b>	<b>Up to 11'</b> Evacuate red areas and all mobile homes

Areas shown in white are non-evacuation zones. Surge height will vary depending on ground elevation.



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## NORTH COUNTY

- 1 **Tarpon Springs Middle School**  
501 N. Florida Ave. • Tarpon Springs
- 2 **Brooker Creek Elementary School**  
3130 Forelock Road • Tarpon Springs
- 3 **East Lake High School**  
1300 Silver Eagle Drive • Tarpon Springs
- 4 **Carwise Middle School**  
3301 Bentley Drive • Palm Harbor
- 5 **Palm Harbor University High School**  
1900 Omaha St. • Palm Harbor
- 6 **Palm Harbor Middle School**  
1800 Tampa Road • Palm Harbor
- 7 **Dunedin Community Center**  
1920 Pinehurst Road • Dunedin
- 8 **Dunedin Highland Middle School**  
70 Patricia Ave. • Dunedin
- 9 **Dunedin Elementary School**  
900 Union St. • Dunedin
- 10 **McMullen-Booth Elementary School**  
3025 Union St. • Clearwater
- 11 **Safety Harbor Middle School**  
901 First Ave. N. • Safety Harbor
- 12 **Clearwater Fundamental Middle School**  
1660 Palmetto St. • Clearwater
- 13 **Skycrest Elementary School**  
10 N. Corona Ave. • Clearwater
- 14 **Belleair Elementary School**  
1156 Lakeview Road • Clearwater
- 15 **Ross Norton Recreation Center**  
1426 S. MLK Jr. Ave. • Clearwater
- 16 **Oak Grove Middle School**  
1370 S. Belcher Road • Clearwater

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## SOUTH COUNTY

- 17 **Largo High School**  
410 Missouri Ave. N. • Largo
- 18 **High Point Elementary School**  
5921 150th Ave. N. • Clearwater
- 19 **Pinellas Park High School**  
6305 118th Ave. N. • Pinellas Park
- 20 **Bauder Elementary School**  
12755 86th Ave. N. • Seminole
- 21 **John Sexton Elementary School**  
1997 54th Ave. N. • St. Petersburg
- 22 **Lealman Innovation Academy**  
4900 28th St. N. • St. Petersburg
- 23 **New Heights Elementary School**  
3901 37th St. N. • St. Petersburg
- 24 **St. Petersburg High School**  
2501 Fifth Ave. N. • St. Petersburg
- 25 **Fairmount Park Elementary School**  
575 41st St. S. • St. Petersburg
- 26 **Boca Ciega High School**  
924 58th St. S. • Gulfport
- 27 **Gibbs High School**  
850 34th St. S. • St. Petersburg
- 28 **John Hopkins Middle School**  
701 16th St. S. • St. Petersburg
- 29 **Campbell Park Elementary School**  
1051 Seventh Ave. S. • St. Petersburg
- 30 **Jamerson Elementary School**  
1200 37th St. S. • St. Petersburg
- 31 **St. Petersburg College Midtown Campus**  
1300 22nd St. S. • St. Petersburg
- 32 **Gulfport Elementary School**  
2014 52nd St. S. • Gulfport
- 33 **Thurgood Marshall Middle School**  
3901 22nd Ave. S. • St. Petersburg
- 34 **James Sanderlin Elementary School**  
2350 22nd Ave. S. • St. Petersburg



**Not every shelter will open for every evacuation. Please check [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency) or call the Citizens Information Center at (727) 464-4333 V/TDD (727) 464-3075, which is open during emergencies.**

### WHY EVACUATE?

#### STORM SURGE

Hurricanes push a dome of water ashore called storm surge that rushes in and sweeps anything that's not attached to the ground out to sea – including people. Pinellas County is extremely vulnerable to storm surge due to its coastal and low-lying geography. Storm surge is actually the greatest killer of people during hurricanes.

Storm surge is the primary reason evacuations are ordered prior to hurricanes. You may not have to go far to escape evacuation zones – think tens of miles, not hundreds.

#### THE FORCE OF STORM SURGE

Three feet of water in a 1,500 square foot home weighs just under 135 tons; an average pool holds just under 21 tons of water.

#### STORM SURGE AND YOU

Want to see how high that wall of water would get at your home during a major hurricane? Plug in your address and see a 3-D depiction of your home or business. This web-based application also shows the evacuation zone of the property. Find the app here: [egis.pinellascounty.org/apps/stormsurgeprotector](http://egis.pinellascounty.org/apps/stormsurgeprotector).

### Run from the water. Hide from the wind.

#### DANGEROUS WIND

The other danger from tropical storms and hurricanes is high wind. The wind is figured out using a wind scale called the Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale. This chart should convince you that staying in a high building is not safe if an evacuation order is called. Buildings can be badly damaged by wind, even blowing out walls and causing roofs to collapse.

“Going up” to escape storm surge will not keep you safe from high wind. Hide from the wind by seeking shelter in areas of the county that are not under an evacuation order.

#### Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale

More information visit: [www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php)

Category	Sustained Winds	Wind Damage
1	74-95 mph	<b>Very dangerous winds will produce some damage:</b> Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding, gutters. Snapped tree branches. Power outages likely.
2	96-110 mph	<b>Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage:</b> Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many trees snapped or uprooted. Near-total power loss.
3 (major)	111-129 mph	<b>Devastating damage will occur:</b> Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking & gable ends. Many trees snapped. Electricity & water unavailable for days to weeks.
4 (major)	130-156 mph	<b>Catastrophic damage will occur:</b> Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage, including roof structure & some exterior walls. Most trees snapped. Power outages for weeks or months. Most of the area uninhabitable for weeks or months.
5 (major)	157 mph or higher	<b>Catastrophic damage will occur:</b> High percentage of framed homes destroyed, total roof failure & wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks or months. Most of the area uninhabitable for weeks or months.

### RECOMMENDED OR MANDATORY EVACUATION?

**Recommended Evacuation:** A tropical storm is approaching or a hurricane is expected to cross Florida and exit over Pinellas County, and there is a chance of severe weather. Emergency managers may recommend that residents in mobile homes or flood prone areas evacuate to higher ground or sturdier shelter.

**Mandatory Evacuation:** The probability of storm surge is high and could be deadly for residents who don't leave. Mobile homes must always evacuate during a mandatory order regardless of where they are located. All residents should pay attention to which letter zone is being ordered to leave. It is illegal to stay in a home under a mandatory evacuation order.

#### Shelter Options

On the left is a list of public shelters that MIGHT be opened during an evacuation. **NOT ALL SHELTERS WILL BE OPENED FOR EVERY EVACUATION.** Before going to a public shelter, check to see if it is open.

Online: [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org)

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