

## **Tropical Storm Fay Update 1:00 p.m.**

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1. Lee County remains under a State of Local Emergency.
2. Lee County Emergency Operations Center remains in an Activation Level 2. Emergency staff continues to monitor the flood waters and communities in need of emergency assistance. EOC staff is coordinating emergency assistance efforts with the local fire districts.
3. Citizens should only use 9 – 1 – 1 for true emergencies. Citizens in need of weather information or emergency assistance should call 2 - 1 - 1....the local United Way Office. Additionally, weather information can be ascertained on NOAA Weather Radio.
4. Fire Districts are continually monitoring flooded roads in their districts and assisting citizens who need to evacuate their homes. Additionally, LeeTRAN assisted in the evacuation of Manna Christian and Saldivar by transporting evacuees without personal transportation available.
5. Mandatory evacuation orders exist for the Manna Christian and Saldivar Mobile Home Parks.
6. Estero Community Recreation Center is serving as a shelter for those who have evacuated their homes. 367 citizens were in the shelter as of Tuesday, August 26, 6 AM. Emergency Management is constantly monitoring for increased shelter need. The American Red Cross is managing the shelter with assistance from the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Lee County EMS, Estero Fire Department, Estero CERT and the Lee County Health Department.
7. Lee County Department of Transportation is attempting to clear ditches and canals causing the flooding. Additionally, it is posting signage and barricades as road are closed.
8. No bridges are closed.
9. Sand and sand bags are available at numerous fire stations. Citizens should contact their local fire district for a listing of specific locations of sand and supplies.
10. No curfews are in effect.

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