

## Tropical Storm Eta

OTOW is carefully monitoring Tropical Storm Eta. Currently, this storm is impacting the Pinellas County area and will continue throughout tonight and into the early morning hours of Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Officials are expecting up to 3 to 4 inches of rain in some areas. Coastal flooding is also a concern. Maximum wind gusts may reach up to 50 to 55 miles per hour as the bands of the storm move across the County.

OTOW urges residents to closely monitor the storm as new information is put out as the storm moves northward.

Parkway operations are currently suspended and all SCA facilities are currently closed. Both Parkway Maintenance and SCA operations will be closed Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Barring no difficulties, all will reopen Friday during normal business.

Please remove any movable objects from your lawns and place in a secure location. Crews will be on site post storm to remove any downed limbs, trees, or other similar matters. Please call the emergency line at 727-799-1115 for any storm related service calls. Call 911 for any medical emergencies. Please report any power outages to Duke Energy 1-800-228-8485.

After the storm passes, please allow cleanup crews to work through the community to make sure the roads are safe to travel and any downed limbs are moved out of the way before getting out and about.

The Citizens Information Center for Pinellas County can be reached at 727-464-4333 and is open until 8:00pm tonight. Two shelters are currently open to include one in St. Petersburg and one in Clearwater. Additional shelter information can be obtained by visiting [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org).