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Florida 511 is an Essential Tool for Hurricane Preparedness

Residents and visitors can receive personal alerts on evacuation and travel routes from FDOT

TALLAHASSEE — As hurricane season arrives, residents and visitors should remember that the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) [Florida 511 Traveler Information System](#) can keep them informed about roadway conditions during severe weather.

Florida 511 provides real-time traffic information about interstate, highways, many major roadways and most toll roads in Florida. This info can be crucial if high winds, flooding, toppled trees or other problems close roads and bridges during hurricanes and tropical storms. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30.

Florida 511 can provide updates on weather and traffic conditions on evacuation routes. Users can register for a free [My Florida 511](#) personalized services account and create customized door-to-door routes for evacuation routes or to other destinations. Each route includes travel time estimates, traffic incident information and the ability to schedule email or text alerts. Registered users can also access information on their saved routes by calling 511 and saying, "profile."

Motorists also can check for [Urgent Alerts](#) and real-time traffic information in English or Spanish on [FL511.com](#) before getting in their vehicles. They can view roadway cameras showing current driving conditions along their planned route. The free Florida 511 mobile app, available on the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), also features the interactive map showing traffic speeds and incidents on roads around the user's location.

Additional ways to receive information from Florida 511 include calling 511 toll-free from any phone in the state and following one or more of the statewide, regional or roadway-specific [Twitter](#) feeds ([#FL511](#)).

The Emergency Info tab on [FL511.com](#) offers crucial information, including links to evacuation route maps, safety tips and information about emergency shelters.

FDOT encourages all drivers to visit the Florida 511 website before leaving or have a passenger check the mobile app while on the road to avoid using a phone while driving.

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