



Pinellas County residents now get First Call

With a new hurricane season comes a new, more capable emergency alert system. Pinellas County's FirstCall service is free to county residents and gives emergency managers multiple ways to get the word out whenever an emergency situation arises. Residents simply register their contact information with FirstCall, and an automated message will be sent to alert subscribers of potentially hazardous situations.

Each member of the subscriber's household who would like to receive emergency notifications can register. The FirstCall network allows emergency managers to send out alerts to the county as a whole or to smaller, more specific geographic areas

When activated, the automated system will call all registered land lines and cellphones, and send email and text messages, giving users the maximum opportunity to receive the message.

Residents can sign up for the service by visiting <https://alertregistration.com/PinellasCoFLEMS/> or calling (866) 484-3264. All contact information will remain protected and confidential.

Due to the change to FirstCall from the county's previous automated calling system, residents will need to register to receive these new alerts. The data which was collected through the old Citizen Notification Service system will be kept and used until Dec. 31.

For more information about how to prepare yourself and your family for hurricanes, visit www.pinellascounty.org/emergency to find your evacuation level, learn about storm dangers and discover how to create your own disaster plan.

For more information on Pinellas County services and programs, visit www.pinellascounty.org or create a shortcut to www.pinellascounty.org/mobile on any smart phone. Pinellas County government is on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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