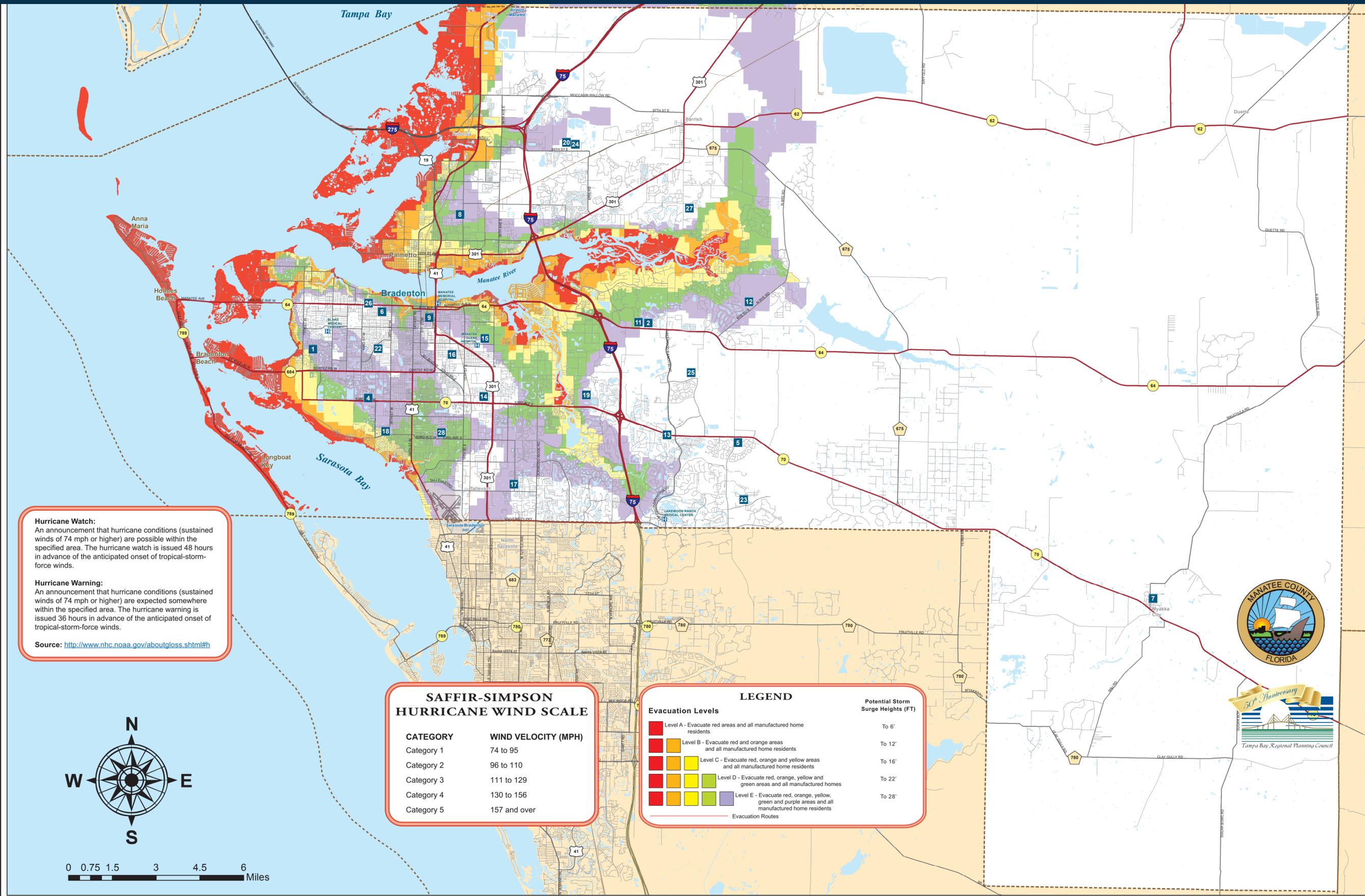


# Manatee County Evacuation Map



**Hurricane Watch:**  
An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. The hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

**Hurricane Warning:**  
An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. The hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Source: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutgloss.shtml#h>

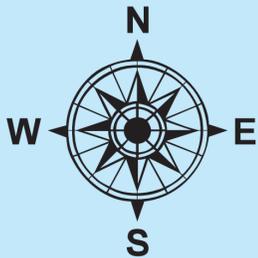
## SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

| CATEGORY   | WIND VELOCITY (MPH) |
|------------|---------------------|
| Category 1 | 74 to 95            |
| Category 2 | 96 to 110           |
| Category 3 | 111 to 129          |
| Category 4 | 130 to 156          |
| Category 5 | 157 and over        |

## LEGEND

| Evacuation Levels  | Potential Storm Surge Heights (FT) |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Level A - Evacuate red areas and all manufactured home residents                                   | To 6'                              |
| Level B - Evacuate red and orange areas and all manufactured home residents                        | To 12'                             |
| Level C - Evacuate red, orange and yellow areas and all manufactured home residents                | To 16'                             |
| Level D - Evacuate red, orange, yellow and green areas and all manufactured homes                  | To 22'                             |
| Level E - Evacuate red, orange, yellow, green and purple areas and all manufactured home residents | To 28'                             |

Evacuation Routes



0 0.75 1.5 3 4.5 6 Miles



## USING YOUR COUNTY MAP

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
3. If you are in an evacuation area, or mobile home/manufactured home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
  - ✓ Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zone
  - ✓ Hotel/motel outside the evacuation zone (make arrangements early)
  - ✓ Go to a public shelter

- ✓ As a last resort leave the area entirely
4. If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

## HURRICANE THREAT

- ✓ The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is the saltwater flooding that rushes over coastal areas when the eye of a hurricane crosses land.
- ✓ Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life threatening situation for anyone who ignores mandatory evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- ✓ Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. The evacuation zones

are color coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur with the five categories.

- ✓ If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your family/pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave immediately. Failure to obey a mandatory evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.

**Note: All persons living in mobile homes/manufactured homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county.**

Shelter openings vary with each emergency. Shelter openings will differ by size and intensity of a disaster. Stay tuned to local media for a listing of shelters, to include the pet-friendly shelters, which will be opened for an event. Do not go to the shelter until local officials announce through the media that the shelter is open.