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## **County residents will get rain and wind gusts from Ike tonight**

Residents are advised to anticipate the following effects from Hurricane Ike beginning this evening and through Friday morning:

- Wind gusts up to 39 mph

- Tides 2' – 3' above normal tides

- 4' – 6' breaking waves

- Minor beach erosion

- 1" – 3" rainfall

- Potential for rip currents

- Slight risk of tornadoes in Ike's outer bands

- Boaters should use caution and monitor small craft advisories.

- Beachgoers and Surfers should heed all warnings from the Beach Patrol and Lifeguards

Hurricane Ike is anticipated to make landfall sometime Saturday, September 13, along the Texas/Mexico coastline with maximum sustained winds anticipated at 120 mph.

Although Hurricane Ike will pass well offshore, local effects will be felt in the form of wind, high surf, higher than average tides, rainfall, and potential for rip currents beginning early Wednesday morning and continuing through early Friday.

There is still two and half months left of the 2008 hurricane season and residents are encouraged to ensure that their disaster plan is in place, have pre-determined evacuation locations, and have adequate disaster supplies on hand. Pets should also be included in disaster and evacuation planning.

Residents that are not registered as a Person with Special Needs and need special assistance in the event of a hurricane evacuation, should contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for the People with Special Needs program manager.

For more information, visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) and click the "All Hazards" button. The site contains disaster preparedness information and many printable forms. There are also links regarding how to strengthen your home against hurricane damage, and convenient disaster planning checklists.