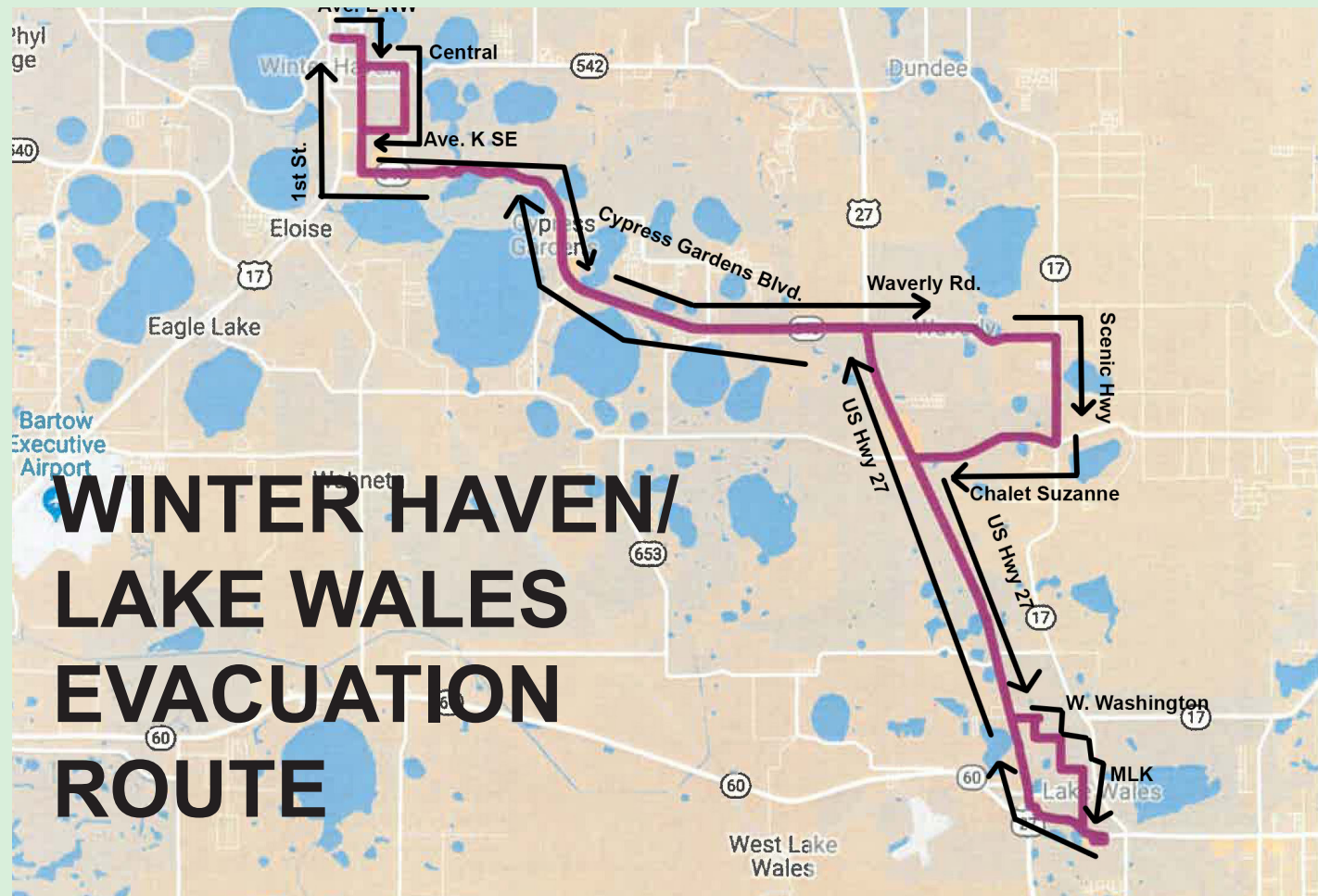


Citrus Connection Winter Haven Area Evacuation Routes



Emergency Evacuation Service

Citrus Connection fixed-route buses run special evacuation routes for people who need transportation to general population shelters. Citrus Connection and the Polk County Office of Emergency Management urge you to make arrangements now for the safety of your family, should a storm force you from your home.

Citrus Connection Emergency Evacuation service is not limited to hurricane evacuation, however. The Office of Emergency Management can call on Citrus Connection as an official evacuation partner to implement service in an emergency evacuation situation, providing it is safe to do so.

Know your plan

For the safety of our riders and employees, regular Citrus Connection fixed-route service will cease if sustained winds reach 39 mph. Citrus Connection was forced to cease service following Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Citrus Connection fixed-route service will also cease if the Office of Emergency Management instructs Citrus Connection to begin operation of Emergency Evacuation service, after shelters have opened.

Our emergency routes are designed to transport people wishing to re-locate to a shelter. Because of this, if a major storm threatens our area, you should plan for the possibility of service interruptions.

To minimize inconvenience to our customers, we will announce the need to interrupt service as early in the day as possible, and will work to restore service just as soon as it is safe to do so.

The primary goal is to be prepared and have a plan. Don't wait until the last minute to make arrangements or you may find yourself stranded.