



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE *One-Way Evacuation*

Contra-Flow: What is it?



- In order to provide more roadway capacity during hurricane evacuations, portions of the Florida Turnpike may operate entirely in the northbound direction, meaning both southbound lanes of the Turnpike from just north of the Fort Pierce service plaza (milepost 152) to north of Orlando (milepost 270) would be converted into northbound lanes. These are called one-way (Contra-Flow) lanes.
- Drivers in the one-way (Contra-Flow) lanes (the regular southbound lanes) will not be allowed to exit the Turnpike until reaching the Ocoee/Winter Garden/SR 50 exit at milepost 272. Drivers who choose to enter the Contra-Flow lanes at Fort Pierce should plan on remaining in those lanes for the entire 118-mile trip. Motorists in the Contra-Flow lanes will have limited opportunities to exit the one-way system at the Fort Drum, Canoe Creek, and Turkey Lake service plazas.
- Motorists traveling in the regular northbound lanes between Ft. Pierce and Orlando (those who only wish to travel as far north as Orlando) may continue to enter and exit the Turnpike system normally between mileposts 152 and 259. Once they are north of Interstate 4, however, they must exit at milepost 267A onto SR 429 (the Western Beltway). This is necessary so the road has capacity for motorists switching back to the regular northbound lanes from the Contra-Flow lanes as they continue their journey to points north of Orlando.



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- All southbound traffic on the Turnpike must exit the roadway at Clermont/SR 50 (milepost 272).
- Large commercial vehicles will **not** be allowed in one-way (Contra-Flow) lanes.
- Drivers in the one-way (Contra-Flow) lanes should be extremely cautious because they will see the backs of road signs and red reflectors on the roadway which normally warn not to drive in that direction. However, portable signs, Florida Highway Patrol troopers and members of other law enforcement agencies will direct motorists.
- Turnpike service plazas at Fort Drum (milepost 184), Canoe Creek (milepost 229) and Turkey Lake (milepost 263) will be open to all drivers. Plazas will have limited amounts of fuel, food and beverages. Restrooms will be available for travelers.
- During an evacuation, tolls will be suspended on designated evacuation routes. Although you won't have to stop at the plaza during a toll suspension, you **must** slow down and merge carefully with other vehicles passing through other plaza lanes.
- Road Rangers, tow trucks and emergency vehicles will be stationed all along the Turnpike to help evacuees in the event of travel or health problems.
- Traffic information will be available on AM 1640 and on portable message boards.
- If a car is disabled, dial *FHP (*347) or 911 and assistance will be directed to the scene.