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## **SunRail Service to be Suspended Beginning Tuesday, October 8, as Hurricane Milton Approaches Central Florida**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** – As Hurricane Michael approaches Central Florida, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is suspending SunRail service beginning Tuesday, October 8, 2024. SunRail is expected to remain closed through at least Thursday, October 10, depending on the impact of the storm.

Crews will prepare the railway corridor and render it safe prior to the impending storm. Preparations include:

- Securing railroad gates at 129 railroad crossings on the 61.5-mile railway corridor, including the removal of longer railroad gates
- Inspecting and storing the SunRail train fleet
- Securing railroad equipment throughout the railway corridor

After the storm passes, and when conditions stabilize, a complete inspection of the entire railway corridor is necessary to assess the storm's impact and to prepare the corridor to reinstate rail service for SunRail, as well as freight and Amtrak operations. Restoration of service includes reinstalling gates, removal of any obstruction on the railroad tracks, and conducting safety inspections.

More information about hurricane safety for the SunRail system is available at <https://sunrail.com/additional-services/hurricane-season/>.

Please remember to exercise caution around trains and railroad crossings. Be smart. Be safe.

Learn about service updates and other SunRail information by following @RideSunRail, visiting [SunRail.com](https://SunRail.com), and downloading the official SunRail app.

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