

KNOWING LAKE COUNTY'S SHELTER LOCATIONS

If a hurricane sets its sights on Central Florida, it is important Lake County residents know where they plan to shelter for the duration of the storm. Because of the destructive power and torrential rainfall of a hurricane, residents in a manufactured home or low-lying area should never ignore an evacuation order.

Lake County shelters are storm-hardened facilities. Evacuating residents should think twice about staying in "shelters" that are not designated by the American Red Cross and Emergency Management. Another option besides evacuating to a Lake County designated shelter is finding shelter with a friend or relative in a site-built home. While Lake County's shelters are high on safety, residents may tend to find the comfort level more accommodating in a site-built home of a friend or relative.

Any Lake County resident who may use a public shelter during a hurricane is encouraged to fill out a public-shelter registry form. The registry will help Emergency Management with assisting residents who may not have reliable transportation to a public shelter.

Lake County has eight primary shelters, and additional shelters are available if necessary. In most circumstances, the primary shelters will be the first to open. Pet-friendly shelters are located in all Special Needs shelters. All pets accepted by authorities at shelters must be crated and have documentation of up-to-date rabies vaccinations. Accommodations for pets will be separate from the general population. Scheduled times will be given to owners to care for their pets.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

- With your family, discuss your hurricane preparation plan
 - If you choose to shelter at home, find "safe areas" in your home, such as an interior closet or bathroom
 - If you choose to shelter somewhere else, decide on evacuation routes and a pre-determined place to meet
- Stock up on emergency supplies you may need
- Take first aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes
- Check radio and television reports during severe-weather events
- Be ready to act when called upon by local officials
- Make sure your NOAA weather alert radio is always on
- Plan for your pets

SHELTER SURVIVAL KIT

If you decide to evacuate from your residence before a hurricane strikes — or if authorities tell you to evacuate — take only items that are essential to you. Space is limited as each person in the shelter is allotted only 20 square feet. Items to include in a shelter survival kit are:

- Blankets, pillows and sleeping bags
- Two-week supply of prescribed medications
- Toiletries
- Extra clothing
- Battery-operated radio and flashlight
- Personal items including books and toys
- Infant necessities and senior supplies
- Important papers such as valid identification
- Pet supplies



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STAYING INFORMED DURING AN EMERGENCY

During a hurricane, staying advised of weather reports and information from the Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is essential for your family's safety.

If emergency personnel recommend that you evacuate your home because of an oncoming hurricane, you should follow their instructions. To learn of important notices, monitor radio and television reports. Listed below are some of the links the public has to emergency information.

Telephone

The Lake County Citizens Information Line (352-253-9999) is typically staffed 24 hours a day during a hurricane to provide residents with up-to-date emergency information.

Web

The online portal for Lake County hurricane-preparedness information is www.lakecountyfl.gov, keyword: hurricane. During an emergency, this Web site is updated frequently to provide residents with important information. The Web site also features up-to-date weather information from weather-reporting stations strategically located throughout the County.

WEATHER RADIOS SAVE LIVES

Thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, bomb scares, chemical spills and wildfires. These are just a few of the potential hazards in Lake County.

Having a battery operated, tone-alert NOAA Weather Radio in your home is like having your own personal tornado siren – only it will alert you of all these impending dangers. In every home, a weather radio should be as common as a smoke detector.

Local SAME* code

County	SAME Code
Lake	012069
Marion	012083
Orange	012095
Osceola	012097

*Specific Area Message Encoding

County	SAME Code
Polk	012105
Seminole	012117
Sumter	012119
Volusia	022127

Local Frequencies

Transmitter	Channel	VHF Frequency
Daytona Beach	channel 1	162.400
Orlando	channel 4	162.475
Sumterville	channel 5	162.500

Radio

WLBE 790 AM broadcasts a remote feed from the Lake County EOC.

WVLG 640 AM and WKIQ 1240 AM broadcast pertinent information to many Lake County residents.

Z88.3 FM is the local entry point for Emergency Alert Stations (EAS).

Television

Government access stations Bright House channel 199; Florida Cable channel 4. Lake-Sumter Community College Television (Comcast cable channel 13) and LakeFront TV (Comcast cable channel 22).

Regular updates are also typically available on local television stations: NBC affiliate WESH-TV channel 2; CBS affiliate WKMG-TV channel 6; ABC affiliate WFTV-TV channel 9; FOX35 channel 35; Central Florida News 13 (Bright House Network cable only).

Newspaper

Daily newspapers that provide Lake County emergency information include the Lake Sentinel, The Daily Commercial, The Villages Daily Sun and Ocala Star-Banner.



A weather radio broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other non-weather related hazard information 24 hours a day. During an emergency, the weather service forecasters interrupt routine broadcasts and send a special tone activating local weather radios. Weather radios equipped with a special alarm tone feature sound an alert to give you immediate information about a life-threatening situation.



AlertLake is Lake County's public safety warning system capable of warning Lake County residents of an immediate emergency, such as a missing person, hazardous materials spill, law enforcement advisories and wildfire and tornado warnings issued by the National Weather Service. Alerts can be sent to your home, cellular and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phones as well as email accounts.

Current landline telephone users (listed and unlisted) are already registered. Residents can register up to seven phone numbers and three e-mail addresses. To register for AlertLake, log on to www.lakecountyfl.gov, keyword search "AlertLake".

STOCKING A DISASTER-SUPPLY KIT

If a hurricane strikes, it may not leave your family much time to respond. The high winds, flooding and tornadoes spawned by hurricanes have the potential to cut water, electricity and telephone services for days.

After a disaster, local emergency officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they will not be able to reach everyone immediately. It could take hours or even days before help can get to your community. Preparing a disaster supply kit will help your family better cope with the situation.

- One gallon of water daily per person for five days
- Enough non-perishable food for the household for at least five days
- A non-electric can opener; cooking tools and fuel; paper plates & towels; and plastic utensils & cups
- Toiletries, such as toothpaste and brush; deodorant and soap; shaving equipment; personal hygiene supplies; shampoo; wash cloth and towel; and toilet paper
- Garbage bags, resealable plastic bags and tarps
- Supplies for infants, including diapers and formula
- Supplies for senior citizens, including special dietary considerations and incontinence pads
- At least a two-week supply of prescribed family medicines, as well as a typical first-aid kit with bandages, antibiotic cream, headache medicine and antacids
- Blankets, pillows, extra clothing
- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, HDTV and flashlight; and extra batteries
- A waterproof container with extra cash and important documents, such as insurance, bank account and Social Security cards
- A list of important phone numbers including the family's local pharmacy, doctors and designated contacts the family can call in case of an emergency
- Camera to record damage to property
- Rain gear and hard sole shoes
- Cleaning supplies and equipment
- Pet supplies including food water and medicines

