

The Villages®

Public Safety Department



Hurricane Personal Preparedness:



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Before the storm hits...

Don't wait...

It's human nature to put things off. We all tend to do it. But when it comes to preparing for a hurricane, you can't wait. When the weather forecasters start talking about an impending storm, water, batteries, food, and other essential items start flying off of store shelves. Make plans now. Gather the items for your disaster supply kit today! Don't wait until it's too late.

Have a plan!

Evacuate or stay put? Sure, every situation may be different, but have a plan set. If you are going to evacuate, know where you are heading. Remember, lots of people will be heading in the same direction. If you're going to stay, do you have a "safe room" prepared in your home? How about a shelter? In the event of a disaster such as a hurricane, The Villages High School and/or Middle School may be opened as shelters, and the Villages Elementary School on Rolling Acres Road is a "pet-friendly" shelter. Be prepared before disaster strikes.

Personal Preparedness Checklist:

- ✓ Develop disaster and first aid supply kits
- ✓ Store loose out-door patio items / furniture
- ✓ Prune trees or weak / dead branches
- ✓ Place vital documents in waterproof containers
- ✓ Remove and secure valuables
- ✓ **Develop a plan for handling your pets!**
- ✓ Register physically challenged persons with the appropriate emergency management offices
- ✓ Register with your county emergency notification system:
 - a. **Sumter County Residents** – <http://www.sumterprepares.com>
 - b. **Lake County Residents** – <http://alertlake.com/>
 - c. **Marion County Residents** – <http://alertmarion.com>

This system allows each county to telephone all or targeted areas of the County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child or evacuation notices). It delivers a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.

THIS SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES!

If you receive a message:

- Listen Carefully
- Follow Instructions
- Don't hang up until you hear the whole message
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless instructed

➤ **The purchase of a programmable weather radio:** (For the hearing impaired, additional accessories are usually available through the manufacturer of the unit. A strobe light attachment will let you 'see' an alert or emergency warning as it comes in.)

- Channel 5 – 162.500 MHZ.
- SAME Codes:
 - Sumter – 012119
 - Marion – 012083
 - Lake – 012069
- It is recommended that you select and set only ONE county code, the county you live in. If you are unable to set your weather radio, you may go to any of The Villages Fire Stations listed on the back of this brochure and they will be happy to program your radio. Please make sure that you purchase batteries for your unit and change the batteries as you would change your smoke alarm batteries.

- **Become familiar with the area's disaster plan and evacuation routes**
- **Prepare a safe room in your house**
- **Set a family rallying or meeting point**
- **Make an inventory of your home's contents – photos or video tape. Collectables need special attention!**
- **Check your insurance coverage. Is it adequate?**
- **Develop a communication plan with relatives and friends NOW!**
- **CASH! Make sure it's small bills.**

Staying in Touch

Stay in touch with emergency officials

Following a hurricane, staying apprised of information via local radio and television stations is essential in helping your family recover. Remember, websites are also an important link. Check out the websites before an emergency so that you know how to get the information you need. Listed below are some of the links the public has to the latest post-hurricane information.

Online

www.lakecountyfl.gov

www.marionso.com

www.sumtercountyfl.gov

Radio

WLBE 790 AM — WLBE, of Leesburg, broadcasts a remote feed from the Lake County EOC.

WVLG 640 AM — WVLG, of The Villages, also broadcasts to many Lake, Marion & Sumter County residents.

Ocala WOGK 93.7

Television

Government access stations: Bright House channel 99; Florida Cable channel 4. Lake-Sumter Community College Television (*Comcast cable channel 13*) and LakeFront TV (*Comcast cable channel 22*) air news conferences from the Lake County EOC on all government access channels.

Network television stations: Regular updates can be seen on:

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: *Lake Sentinel, The Daily Commercial, The Villages Daily Sun, Ocala Star-Banner*

Disaster Supply Kit:

- € Prescription medications
- € Basic first aid kit
- € Cell phone with charged battery
- € Non-perishable food
- € Toiletries, hygiene supplies, toilet paper
- € Drinking water / containers
- € Flashlight and **batteries!**
- € Portable radio and **batteries!**
- € Plastic plates, dinnerware, cups
- € Utensils / manual can opener
- € Tarps / heavy-duty plastic or canvas
- € Basic tool kit
- € Trash bags
- € **Duct tape!**
- € Variety of containers and lids
- € Clothing and rain gear
- € Cash → small bills only!
- € If pets: food, meds, leash, carrier, etc.
- € 5 Gallon Bucket
- € Water (1gallon daily per person)
- € Food (enough for 3-7 days)
- € Blankets/Pillows, etc.
- € Moisture Wipes
- € Keys
- € Pet Care Items (Identification/immunization records/food & Water, carrier or cage, medications muzzle and leash)
- € **What can't you live without?**
 - Take some time and **think!**



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