



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! Please 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? Floridadisaster.org has all the planning information you need to be prepared.

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:

- **Sumter County** – member.everbridge.net/453003085614874/login
- **Lake County** – alertlake.com
- **Marion County** – 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 lets 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 cannot set your weather radio, you may go to The Villages Public Safety Department headquarters located at 3035 S. Morse Blvd. Please make sure you purchase batteries for your unit and change the them as you would your smoke alarm batteries.
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- › **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. Collectibles need special attention!**
 - › **Check your insurance coverage. Is it adequate?**
 - › **Develop a communication plan with relatives and friends NOW!**
 - › **CASH! Make sure it's in 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 important links. Check out the websites before an emergency to know how to get the information you need. Listed below are some links the public has to the latest post-hurricane information.

Telephone

Lake County Citizens Information Line: 352-253-9999

Marion County Citizens Information Line: 352-369-7500

Sumter County Citizens Information Line: 352-689-4400

Online

Lake County Website: www.lakecountyfl.gov

Marion County Website: www.marionso.com

Sumter County Website: www.sumtercountyfl.gov

Radio

WVLG 640 AM and 102.7 FM – WVLG, of The Villages, also broadcasts to many Lake, Marion and Sumter County residents.

WOGK 93.7 – Ocala

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 (*Spectrum Network cable only*).

Newspaper

Daily newspapers: The Villages Daily Sun, Leesburg Daily Commercial, Orlando Sentinel.

Disaster Supply Kit Checklist

- Prescription medications for 7 days
- Basic first aid kit
- Cell phone with a charged battery
- Non-perishable food for 7 days
- 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!
- 5 Gallon Bucket
- Water for 7 days (1gallon daily per person)
- Food (enough for 7 days)
- Blankets/Pillows, etc.
- Moisture Wipes
- Keys
- Pet Care Items (Identification/immunization records/food & Water, carrier or crate, medications muzzle and leash)

