

HAVE A PLAN:

Hurricanes are one of nature's most serious and dangerous threats. We have seen the devastating impact that violent storms like Hurricane Katrina can have on communities. While recent hurricane seasons have been relatively quiet for Florida, this could change. Unfortunately, after a quiet year or two, people can develop "hurricane amnesia."

Weather experts say it's not a matter of IF another hurricane will hit the Capital Area region, but WHEN.

That is why it is so important to be prepared.

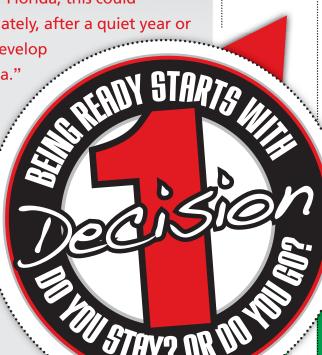
The 2013 Hurricane
Survival Guide for the

Capital Area will provide you with the critical information you need to protect yourself, your family, and your property.

MAKE A PLAN or review the plan you have, and talk to your family about it.

For more information, you can visit www.tallyredcross.org or contact your local emergency management office.

(See back of guide.)



IF YOU DECIDE TO

PLAN TO STAY IF...

- ☐ You live in a structure that is built after 1973 when Florida adopted a standard building code.
- You do not live in a manufactured or mobile home.
- ☐ Your home is not vulnerable to storm surge or inland flooding.
- You have reduced the threat of falling trees by trimming and/or removing dead, dying or diseased trees.
- You have mitigated the effects of severe winds on your home by installing hurricane shutters on windows and bracing your garage door.
- ☐ You have prepared a multi-hazard Disaster Response Plan for yourself, your family and your pets.
- You have prepared a Disaster Survival Kit that includes cash, two weeks supply of food, water and one month's supply of prescription medicines.
- ☐ You have identified a Safe Room within your home.
- You have a battery-powered radio with extra batteries.

IF YOU DECIDE TO

PLAN TO GO IF...

- ☐ An evacuation order has been issued.
- ☐ You live in a manufactured or mobile home.
- You live in a structure that was built prior to 1973 when Florida adopted a standard building code.
- Your home is vulnerable to storm surge or inland flooding.
- ☐ You can leave early enough to meet estimated regional clearance times. It is very dangerous to be on the highway during a storm.

► BEFORE THE STORM

► AS IT APPROACHES

AFTER THE STORM

- Have a plan for you, your family, and your pets. If you own or run a business, encourage your employees to have a plan.
- Obtain a 2-week supply of nonperishable foods.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank and check oil, water and tires.
 Remember, gas pumps don't work without electricity.
- Report any stormwater ditches that may be blocked or over-grown.
- Make a survival kit, including a battery-powered radio.
- Review your homeowner's or renter's insurance policies, and consider purchasing flood insurance if you reside in a flood-prone area.
- Identify a safe area in your home an interior room, closet, hallway, or bathroom on the lowest floor.
- Remove anything in your yard that could become windborne.
- Inventory, document, and photograph items in your residence or business.
- Cover all windows and doors, especially patio doors, with securely fastened, impact-resistant shutters.
- Protect your property by bracing double entry and garage doors.
- Purchase materials such as plywood and plastic sheeting.
- Refill prescriptions. Maintain at least a one-month supply during hurricane season.

- Turn off electricity if flood waters threaten your property.
- Turn off major appliances, such as the air conditioner and water heater, if you lose power.
- Listen to weather updates on TV or radio.
- If loss of electricity occurs, listen on a batterypowered radio.

- Monitor local radio and TV for recovery activities.
- Be prepared to live without power, normal access to water, food, or any of the services you rely on regularly.
- Use a generator but be sure to keep the generator outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- Avoid driving. Debris in roadways is a safety hazard.
- Don't touch downed utility wires.
- · Use grills outdoors.
- Use your telephone only for emergencies so lines can remain open for emergency communications.
- Assess and photograph damages to your property.
- Make temporary repairs to your roof, walls or windows to make your home safer and minimize further damage. Hire a licensed contractor to do permanent repairs. Contact your insurance company.
- If widespread flooding occurs, you may have to disinfect any tap water by boiling it first, or by adding chlorine bleach (8 drops per gallon), before consuming it.
- Report damage to your home or business to your local emergency management office (see back of guide).
- Make sure you have valid photo identification with your current local address.

► BEFORE THE STORM

- Have a plan for you, your family, and your pets. If you own or run a business, encourage your employees to have a plan.
- Identify a friend, relative or a hotel/motel in a safe area where you can stay if ordered to evacuate. An American Red Cross Shelter should be used as a last resort.
- Don't wait until the last minute. Expect congested roadways. Plan on leaving at least 24 to 36 hours in advance of the storm making landfall, or when the evacuation order is issued.
- Make a survival kit, including a battery-powered radio.
- Review your homeowner's or renter's insurance policies, and consider purchasing flood insurance if you reside in a flood prone area.
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- Purchase materials such as plywood and plastic sheeting.
- Refill prescriptions. Maintain at least a one-month supply during hurricane season.
- Register with your county emergency management agency if you cannot make arrangements for transportation or other special assistance due to age, disability, or other special need.

AS IT APPROACHES

- Bring your survival kit.
- Take important papers with you.
- · Lock windows and doors.
- Turn off electricity at the main breaker.
- Place valuable items in your empty appliances, such as a washer, dryer, oven, or microwave.
- Place plastic bags over TVs, computers, and other electronics.
- Remove anything in your yard that could become windborne.
- Listen to weather updates on TV or radio.
- Protect your property by bracing double entry and garage doors.

► AFTER THE STORM

- Stay tuned to your radio or TV for additional information.
- Be aware that you may not be able to return to your home until search and rescue operations are complete and downed trees and power lines have been cleared.
- Make temporary repairs to your roof, walls or windows to make your home safer and minimize further damage. Hire a licensed contractor to do permanent repairs. Contact your insurance company.
- Assess and photograph damages to your property.
- Report damage to your home or business to your local emergency management office (see back of guide).
- Make sure you have valid photo identification with your current local address.

PLAN TO LEAVE IF

You live in a Mobile Home.

MOBILE HOMES MUST EVACUATE!

PLAN TO LEAVE IF

You live on the Coastline.

PLAN TO LEAVE IF

You live near a River or Flood Plain.



USE THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP

IF YOU DECIDE TO

TIPS

- Avoid rooms with windows or glass doors.
- Don't trust rumors. Stay tuned to local radio and TV for information.
- Consider offering your home as shelter to friends or relatives who live in vulnerable areas or mobile homes.
- Get cash. Banks may not be open and ATM's won't work without electricity.
- Identify a safe area in your home an interior, reinforced room, closet or bathroom on the lowest floor.
- Home health care or home-bound patients should see additional information on interior pages.

CLEAN-UP PRECAUTIONS

- Call professionals to remove large, uprooted trees, etc.
- Always use proper safety equipment such as heavy gloves, safety goggles, heavy boots, light-colored long-sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Tie back long hair and wear a hat and sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of fluids, rest, and ask for help when you need it.
- Lift with your legs, not with your back.
- Don't burn trash.
- If you can't identify something, don't touch it.
- Be especially wary of downed electrical wires.
- Be extremely careful with a chainsaw don't use it for the first time to clear your yard, and always heed safety warnings.

DEVELOP YOUR HURRICANE PLAN

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PRE-REGISTER

Register with your county emergency management agency if you cannot make arrangements for transportation or other special assistance due to age, disability, or other special need.



IMPORTANT: Buses and other transportation will not be available when tropical storm or hurricane conditions arrive in the area.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (850) 653-8977

GADSDEN COUNTY (850) 875-8642

JEFFERSON COUNTY (850) 342-0211

LEON COUNTY (850) 488-5921

LIBERTY COUNTY (850) 643-2339

MADISON COUNTY (850) 973-3698

TAYLOR COUNTY (850) 838-3575

WAKULLA COUNTY (850) 745-7100



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TIPS

- Identify a friend, family member, or hotel/motel out of the area where you can stay for an extended period of time.
- Don't wait until the last minute to evacuate.
- Be patient. Don't return to the disaster area until you have received official word that it is safe.

PET SURVIVAL KIT

- Proper ID collar and rabies tag/license*
- Carrier or cage
- Leash
- Ample food supply (at least two weeks)
- Water/food bowls
- Any necessary medication(s)
- Specific care instructions
- Newspaper, cat litter, scoop, plastic trash bags for handling waste
- Proper ID on all belongings
- Non-electric can opener
- * Make sure your pets have had all their shots within the past 12 months. Kennels and veterinary offices will require proof of vaccinations.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

- Take important papers with you, including your driver's license, special medical information, insurance policies, and property inventories.
- Let friends and relatives know where you are going.
- Make sure your neighbors have a safe ride.
- Lock windows and doors.
- Turn off electricity at the main breaker.

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PLANISG FOR SAFETY

WATCH OR WARNING?

TROPICAL STORM WATCH

An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 of 73 mph) are *possible* within the specified coastal area within 48 hours.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING

An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are *expected* within the specified coastal area within 36 hours.

HIRRICANF WATCH

An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are *possible* somewhere within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

HURRICANE WARNING

An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are *expected* somewhere within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

- National Hurricane Center

THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale is a 1 to 5 rating based on the hurricane's intensity. This is used to give an estimate of the potential property damage expected from a hurricane landfall. Wind speed is the determining factor in the scale.

CATEGORY ONE

Winds 74-95 mph. No severe damage to building structures. Primary damage to mobile homes, shrubbery and trees.

CATEGORY TWO

Winds 96-110 mph. Some roofing material, door, and window damage of buildings. Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees with some trees blown down. Considerable damage to mobile homes, poorly constructed signs, and piers.

CATEGORY THREE

Winds 111-129 mph. Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings with a minor amount of curtainwall failures. Mobile homes and poorly constructed signs are destroyed.

CATEGORY FOUR

Winds 130-156 mph. More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failures on small residences. Shrubs, trees, and all signs are blown down. Complete destruction of mobile homes.

CATEGORY FIVE

Winds greater than 157 mph. Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. All shrubs, trees, and signs blown down. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Severe and extensive window and door damage.

HURRICANE NAMES FOR 2013

Gabrielle Andrea Dorian Melissa Pablo Jerry Tanya Barry Erin Humberto Nestor Rebekah Van Karen Sebastien Chantal Fernand Ingrid Lorenzo Olga Wendy

EVACUATION ORDER

The most important instruction you will receive from local government officials, relayed over radio and television stations, is an evacuation order. Once issued, an evacuation order is mandatory under law in the state of Florida. If you live in a mobile home or an area ordered to evacuate, gather your survival kit and leave immediately. If you live in a safe area, secure your home and be prepared to stay. Because of long evacuation times and the unpredictability of hurricanes, you may be ordered to leave before a hurricane watch or warning is issued.





Prepare and plan for long evacuation times.



RESIDENTS OF MOBILE HOMES MUST LEAVE!

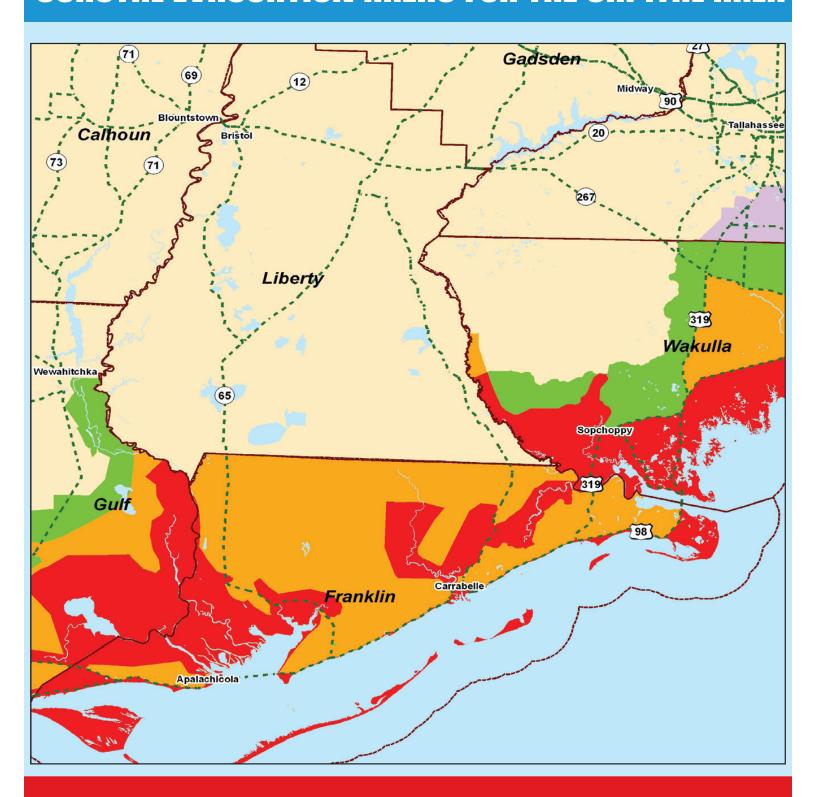
A Category 1 hurricane, with winds of 74 to 95 mph, can rip apart a mobile home. The National Hurricane Center reports that no mobile home or manufactured home – no matter how new it is – can be a safe shelter from hurricane force winds. Also, tornadoes can spin off from hurricanes. Straps or other tie-downs will not protect a mobile home from high winds associated with a hurricane.

If a hurricane threatens the Capital Area, all mobile home residents will be required to evacuate. If you must evacuate and do not have access to transportation due to age, disability, or other special needs, you should register now with your local Emergency Management Agency.



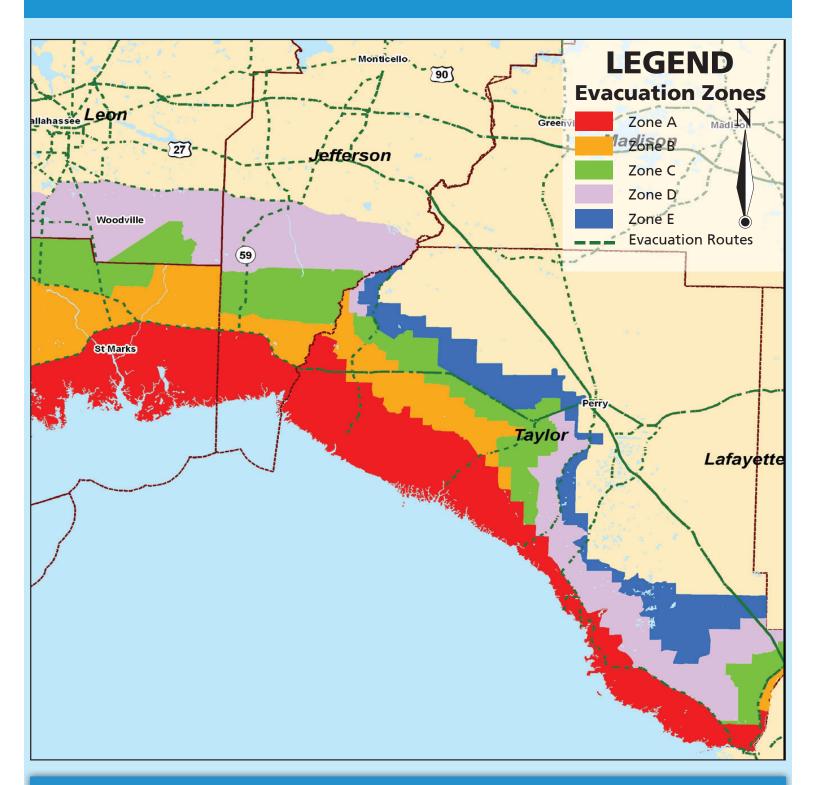
In 1992, 97% of all manufactured homes in Hurricane Andrew's path in Dade County were destroyed, compared to 11% of single-family, non-manufactured homes.*

COASTAL EVACUATION AREAS FOR THE CAPITAL AREA



>>> SHELTER INFORMATION HOTLINE: < < < 850-402-5656

STAY TUNED TO LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS FOR CRITICAL EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS.

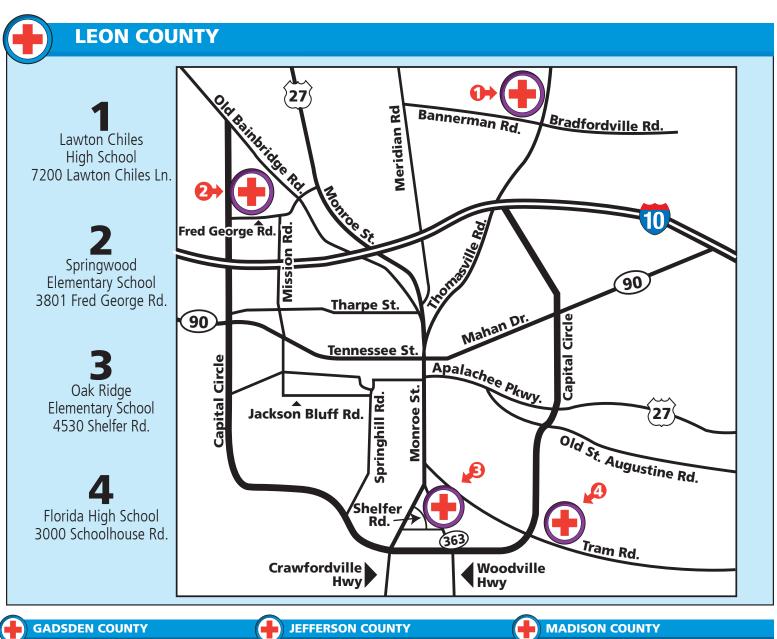


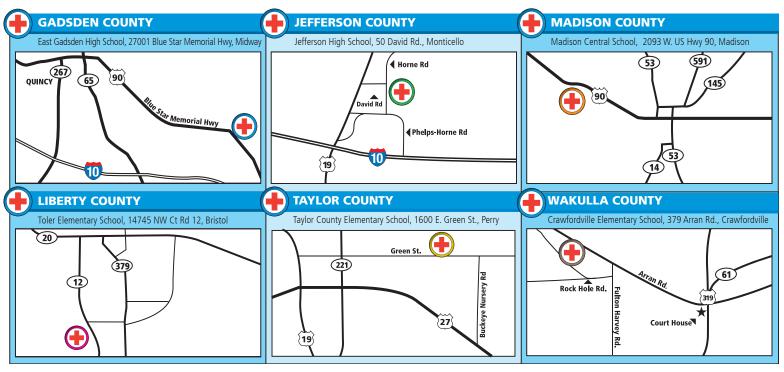
STORM SURGE

Storm surge causes loss of life and extensive damage in hurricanes and is a major reason for evacuation orders along the vulnerable coastline.

Even a tropical storm can result in surprisingly high storm surge. Surge levels depend on the unique interaction of wind speed, direction and duration with the slope of the continental shelf and the shape of the coastline, as well as tides in the landfall region. Your local emergency management office (see back cover) will announce evacuations through local media outlets.

RED CROSS SHELTERS BY COUNTY





COASTAL SPECIFIC HAZARDS







STORM SURGE

- The greatest potential for loss of life associated with a hurricane is from storm surge, which historically claims 9 of 10 lives.
- Storm surge can increase the mean water level 22 feet or more.
- Capital Area coastal counties can expect significant storm surges that will affect inland communities.

WIND

- Even minimal hurricane force winds will impact an area many miles inland from where the storm makes landfall.
- Winds associated with hurricanes and tornadoes can destroy homes, trees and power lines.
- Flying debris, including signs, roofing material, siding, and unsecured objects, can become flying missiles.



FLOODING

- Most coastal damage caused by hurricanes is the result of flooding from giant waves driven by the hurricane winds.
- If you are caught in the house by the suddenly rising flood waters, move to the second floor or to the roof and wait for help.
- Purchase flood insurance. Damage to your home and its contents is not covered by homeowner's insurance.
- Remember: Assume that all floodwater is contaminated.

INLAND SPECIFIC HAZARDS



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where the storm makes landfall.



FLOODING

- Flash flooding is associated with hurricanes and tropical storms. The tons of water the storm picked up over the ocean will be released as the storm moves inland.
- If driving, and you encounter a flooded road, turn around and go another way.
 NEVER drive through flooded roadways!
- If the vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Purchase flood insurance. Damage to your home and its contents is not covered by homeowner's insurance.
- Remember: Assume that all floodwater is contaminated.



DOWNED POWER LINES

- Assume all downed power lines are energized.
- Contact your utility provider to report downed power lines.
- Do not connect generators directly to your home as it will energize the lines and injure or kill your neighbors or utility workers.



Plying debris, including signs, roofing material, siding, and unsecured objects, can become flying missiles.

PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS

- Have a plan for your employees and their families.
- Establish a phone tree process to communicate before and after the storm.
- Have your business inspected by a licensed professional to know the vulnerabilities to flooding and hurricane force winds.
- Consider obtaining special insurance coverage, including business interruption insurance.
- Have your business appraised at least every five years.
- Back up your data or store it at an alternate site.
- Make provisions for alternate communications and electricity.
- Register for disaster resistant training for businesses with the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.



- When disaster strikes, your neighborhood may be isolated from the rest of the community.
- You and your neighbors may have to pull together and help each other. Do you and your neighbors have a plan?

The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross provides training on preparing a disaster resistant neighborhood. During the training, participants can work within their neighborhood group as they undertake coordination of activities such as neighborhood planning and preparedness, threat assessment, needs assessment, debris removal and damage assessment.

Visit www.tallyredcross.org for more information.

PROTECT YOUR PETS

- Proper ID collar and rabies tag/license*
- Carrier or cage
- Leash
- Ample food supply (at least two weeks)
- Water/ food bowls
- Any necessary medication(s)
- Specific care instructions
- Newspaper, cat litter, scoop, plastic trash bags for handling waste
- Proper ID on all belongings
- Non-electric can opener



*Make sure your pets have had all their shots within the past 12 months.

HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOME BOUND PATIENTS

- Notify your health agency where you will be during a hurricane and when care can be re-established.
- If you are homebound and under the care of a physician, but not a home health agency, contact your physician.
- If you require respirators or other electric-dependent medical equipment, you should make prior medical arrangements with your physician.

- If you require oxygen, check with your supplier about emergency plans.
- If you evacuate, remember to take medications, written instructions regarding your care, special equipment and bedding with you.
- If you need assistance in an evacuation, please register
 NOW with your county emergency management agency.
 Contact information can be found on the back of this guide.

INFORMATION FOR THE ELDERLY AND CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- If you live in a nursing home or assisted living facility, contact your administrator to learn about the evacuation plan for that facility.
- If you require respirators, oxygen, or other electric medical equipment, make arrangements with your medical provider NOW.
- If you need transportation or specialized assistance during an evacuation, **REGISTER NOW** with your county emergency management agency. Contact information can be found on the back of this guide.
- If you are evacuating and under the care of a physician, please notify your health agency of your new location.

HOW YOU GAN HELP

When disaster strikes, volunteers play a critical role in recovery efforts and providing needed relief to victims. Consider becoming an American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer.

Employees with the State of Florida, Leon County, and City of Tallahassee are eligible for 15 days of disaster leave by becoming an American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer.





For more information visit:

www.tallyredcross.org

or call

850-878-6080

You can also reach the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross toll-free at 866-943-9010. Disaster Services training classes are free of charge, and volunteering opportunities are available year round.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, CONTACT:

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS

850-878-6080

www.tallyredcross.org

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

APALACHICOLA

850-653-8977

www.franklinemergencymanagement.com

GADSDEN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

QUINCY

850-875-8642

www.gadsdensheriff.org/emergency_mgmt.html

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MONTICELLO

850-342-0211

www.jcso1.com/EOC-office/

LEON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TALLAHASSEE

850-488-5921

www.leoncountyfl.gov/ei • www.haveahurricaneplan.com

LIBERTY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BRISTOL

850-643-2339

www.libertycountyflem.com

MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MADISON

850-973-3698

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TAYLOR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PFRRY

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www.taylorcountygov.com/em

WAKULLA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CRAWFORDVILLE

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