

# ***Emergency Management***

## **WEEK IN REVIEW**

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### Welcome

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Franklin County Emergency Management (FCEM) is dedicated to the prevention, mitigation, preparation for, response to, and recovery from both man-made and natural disasters.

Our team of staff and volunteers work tirelessly to serve you: the people of Franklin County.



### Latest News

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## *Understanding Debris Removal*

**More than just trash day.**

After a disaster it is almost inevitable that there will be debris left behind. This could be simple tree branches or the ruins of somebody's home. Regardless of what the debris is from, there are rules and guidelines in place to make it easier for it to be removed, and for the county to get reimbursed for the removal.

During disaster recovery, eligible disaster related debris will be collected from residential neighborhoods. This debris should be sorted into the following categories:

- Vegetative debris
- Construction & demolition debris
- Appliances & white goods
- Electronics
- Hazardous household waste



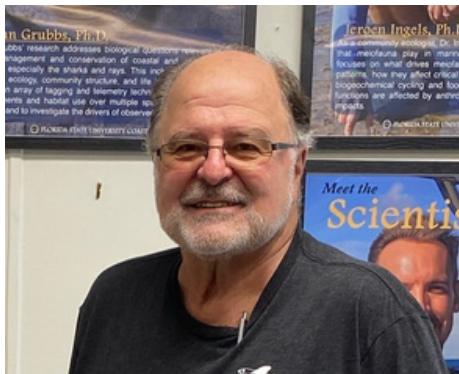
Storm debris, such as the above debris from Hurricane Ian, can be a challenge to remove. Fortunately, procedures are in place to handle it.

Normal household trash will not be collected as disaster debris and should not be put on the curb. To dispose of this trash, continue using your normal garbage removal methods.

For the debris to be removed, it should be left on the curb between the sidewalk (if present) and the roadway. Depending on the severity of the disaster, it may take several passes or even days before all the debris is removed.

## Emergency Management Staff & Volunteers

Shining a spotlight on the people who make this agency function.



Scott Haussman worked 32 years for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Before he retired he was responsible for coordinating the Department's wetlands protection and management programs.

Scott was also a EMT and later a Dive Medic for 30 plus years, a volunteer firefighter and a Wisconsin fire service instructor for 15 years. An avid SCUBA diver, he has logged dives throughout the world.

Before moving to Apalachicola he lived on the Caribbean island of Bonaire where he was a supervisor at the recompression (hyperbaric) chamber and volunteered with both the National Marine Park and the CIEE Marine Research Station.

In addition to CERT, Scott volunteers with FSU's Coastal and Marine Laboratory and is a US Coast Guard Auxiliary member.

## Considering Storm Shelters

Understanding their role in a disaster.

First and foremost, Franklin County does NOT have any storm shelters because the entire county is in a surge zone. During an evacuation, shelters may open in Tallahassee to receive evacuees from Franklin County and the surrounding areas. These shelters should only be used as a last resort, and are not designed for comfort. They may be crowded and may not meet all your family's needs. Furthermore, not every shelter will open before every event. Make sure that a shelter is open prior to evacuating to ensure that you have a place to go.

Supplies you may need to bring include, but are not limited to:

- Toiletries
- Medication
- Identification
- Foods to meet special dietary needs
- Blankets, pillows, and/or sleeping bags
- Entertainment materials that do not require electricity



Shelter information in Leon County.

## Reentering Franklin County after an Evacuation

Avoiding a possibly long and tedious process.



Scan the QR code to load the new, all digital reentry application form.

In the face of an impending disaster, the county may issue a mandatory evacuation order. Depending on the damage sustained, the county may restrict entry into the county to not only deter looting, but also preserve what supplies are in the county for those who need it. To reenter the county during these times, you must demonstrate that you live in or own property in the county. At the county borders this can be a time consuming process.

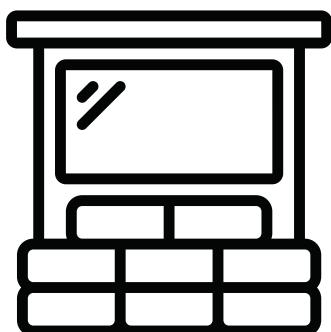
To help avoid this, apply before a disaster for a reentry tag. This is a document that hangs from your rearview mirror that proves you have a reason to be in the county. All it takes to get is an application and proof of residency or property ownership.

It is important to remember that under no circumstances will reentry tags be issued once the EOC has been activated.

## Weather Outlook

	<u>Tue, 23 Jan</u>	<u>Wed, 24 Jan</u>	<u>Thu, 25 Jan</u>	<u>Fri, 26 Jan</u>	<u>Sat, 27 Jan</u>
<b>Weather</b>					
<b>High Temp. (F)</b>	63	68	71	70	69
<b>Low Temp. (F)</b>	56	61	65	62	60

### EOC Tip of the Week



### *Sandbag Usage*

Ensure that you use these assets correctly and understand their limitations

- Fill the sandbags one half full
- If the sandbags are unsupported, limit them to three layers high
- Tamp each sandbag down to help it fill any gaps
- Remember the following limitations:
  - Sandbags will not seal out water
  - They can deteriorate quickly if exposed to repeated wetting and drying
  - Wet sandbags are very heavy and should be handled with caution to avoid injury
  - Sandbags are meant only for protection from small water flow and are not suitable for major flooding events

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