

Lee County is a tropical paradise, but along with Florida's year-round sunshine comes the risk of hurricanes. If you haven't created your <u>family emergency plan</u> for hurricanes, now is the time to get started. It's easy with Lee County's tips on what to do before, during and after a hurricane.

Lee County Public Safety's Emergency Management Program has a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center that is the command center for official Lee County emergency information when a hurricane becomes an imminent threat. That team provides an updated All Hazards Guide each year to assist residents in advance planning. Below are some useful resources from other county departments, plus links to outside agencies.

And remember, a hurricane's high winds can cause power outages that last for days, even weeks. Print copies of must-have reference materials and download those apps now to help protect your family and property.



2021 Lee County Virtual Hurricane Seminar

Lee County has interactive hurricane seminars completely online. The course is Free to take and does not require registration. **Take the seminar online now**

The time to develop and practice your emergency plan is prior to hurricane season. Being prepared will help keep you and your loved ones safe and establish a reliable network of support during a crisis.

PLAN

- Know your risks:
 - What is your Storm Surge/Evacuation Zone?
 - Are you in a Flood Zone?
 - Do you live in a mobile or manufactured home?
 - What year was your house built?
 - Does your house have storm shutters?

<u>PREPARE</u>

- Prepare evacuation or sheltering options.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit before the start of hurricane season.
- The Family Emergency Plan is a great tool to help you create a plan that is specific to your family's needs.
 Find it Lee County website: <u>Emergency Plan</u>
- Secure items in and around your home before tropical storm force winds arrive.

PASS IT ON

- Be sure all family members know who to call or where to gather if you become separated.
- Let family and friends in other locations know your evacuation plans.

Contact Information List

Safety Operations: FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Lee County Emergency Operations Center - Visit Lee County Emergency Operations Center or call 239-533-0622

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District (NON-EMERGENCIES) - Visit Bonita Fire Department or call 239-949-6200

Lee County Sheriff's Office (NON-EMERGENCIES) - Visit Lee County Sheriff's Office or call 239-477-1000

Human Resources:

Bonita Assistance Office - Visit Bonita Springs Assistance Office or call 239-992-3034

Lee County Human and Veteran Services - Visit <u>Human and Veteran Services</u> Human Services Main Phone 239-533-7930 Veteran Services Main Phone 239-533-8381

Client Information Line 239-533-7900

United Way Lee - Visit <u>United Way Lee</u> or call 239-433-3900

The Salvation Army Lee - Visit Salvation Army or Call 239-278-1551

Catholic Charities - For Bonita Springs call 239-390-2928 or Main phone line 239-334-4007

Red Cross - Visit Gulf Coast Red Cross - Call 239-596-6868

Department of Health and Human Services - Disaster Distress Helpline call 1-800-985-5990

To find other local resources - Visit United Way 211 www.211info.org dial 211 or call 239-433-3900

Information Resources:

Local Public Shelters - Visit Lee County Public Shelters

Code Red notifications - To receive notifications regarding emergencies, sign up at <u>Code Red notifications - Visit Florida</u> <u>Disaster</u> or call 850-815-4000

Evacuation Zones Map - Visit Know your Evacuation Zone

Flood Zones Map - Visit Flood Zones Map

State Assistance Information Line - Call 800-342-3557

Florida 511 Traveler Information - Visit <u>Travel Advisories</u> to download information and App

Gas Buddy- To find gas stations - Visit Gas Buddy

Hurricane Readiness Information - Visit <u>Hurricane Readiness Information</u>— Visit <u>Hurricane weather</u>— Visit <u>City of Bonita</u> <u>Springs</u>

Price Gouging - Call 1-866-966-7226

Utilities/Waste:

FPL (Florida Power and Light) - Visit https://www.fpl.com or call (800) 468-8243 TECO Peoples Gas - Visit TECO Peoples Gas or call 1-877-832-6747 Bonita Springs Utilities - Visit BSU Utilities - Call 239-992-0711 or 800-583-1496 Lee County Solid Waste - Visit http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste or call 239-533-8000 Advanced Disposal - Call 239-334-1224

FEMA:

Disaster Assistance - Visit <u>Disaster assistance</u> or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) For those with a speech or hearing disability call 1-800-462-7585 For those who use 711 or Video Relay Service call 1-800-621-3362

Small Business Disaster Assistance - Visit Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance

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FEMA Flood Zone Designations

Flood zone areas mapped by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) for use in the National Flood Insurance Program. Each flood zone designation is represented by a letter or letters, indicating to homeowners their risk for flooding on their property. Homes with a mortgage located in high risk areas must have flood insurance.

Do you know your Evacuation Zone?

Hurricane evacuation zones are no longer referenced by storm category, but are now named by hurricane surge evacuation zones: A, B, C, D and E. We want you to know your zone, and to challenge your friends and family to know the same!

Why is it important to know your zone in Lee County?

We are evacuated by zones for storm surge and wind, in a phased manner. This means we may order the evacuation of zone A before you see any effects of the tropical storm.



You can determine your evacuation zone by clicking on the **Find My Evacuation Zone link below**:

<u>Find My Evacuation Zone</u> Click on OK, then click on the magnifying glass to enter your address. Click here for the Lee County Family Emergency Plan.