

Emergency Management

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

EOC News

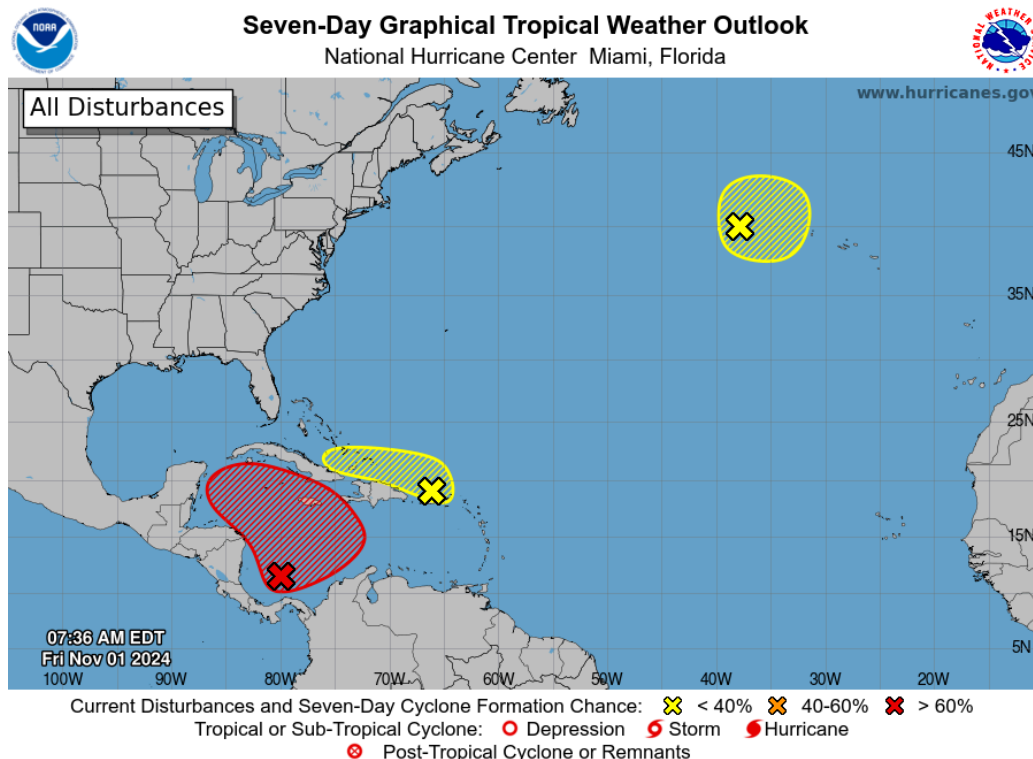
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2024

Hurricane Season: Nearly Concluded

As we approach the conclusion of hurricane season, it is essential to remain vigilant and prepared, as there is still a month remaining. Tropical storms can still emerge during this period, and communities in hurricane-prone areas should ensure their emergency plans are current and that necessary supplies are readily available. Staying informed through reliable weather updates and adhering to the guidance of local authorities can significantly enhance safety and resilience.

While we hope for a peaceful end to the season, we must remain prepared for any challenges that nature may present. Residents should review their insurance policies and secure important documents in waterproof containers to protect against potential damage. Participating in community preparedness programs can provide additional support and resources, fostering a sense of unity and shared responsibility.

Schools and workplaces may also conduct drills to reinforce safety measures, ensuring that everyone is familiar with the appropriate actions to take in case of an emergency. By collaborating and maintaining a proactive stance, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones, thereby minimizing the impact of any late-season storms that may arise.



Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

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

Michael Allen “Oyster Radio” and David Adlerstein “Apalachicola Times”

When we inform the community about upcoming events or potential developments, some of the most effective resources for disseminating this information are Oyster Radio and The Apalachicola Times. These outlets consistently excel in providing real-time and up-to-date news. Their commitment to keeping the community informed is truly commendable. Whether reporting on local events, weather updates, or significant announcements, they ensure residents remain well-informed. The collaboration between local media and community leaders is vital in promoting transparency and trust, allowing everyone to stay connected and engaged with local affairs. As we continue to depend on their timely and accurate reporting, we are reminded of the essential role that communication plays in strengthening the bonds within our community.

Special Needs Registry and Transportation Disadvantage



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As hurricane season concludes, it's crucial to remain alert and prepared. Recent Hurricane Helene highlighted the need for evacuation transportation, which Franklin County Emergency Management provides for residents without transportation during mandatory evacuations. Residents must apply for this service, which only transports them to designated shelters, considered a last resort.



Special Needs Registry

Additionally, Franklin County collaborates with the Florida Department of Health to maintain a Special Needs Registry for individuals requiring extra assistance during evacuations due to disabilities. Special needs shelters are available for those needing more care than general shelters offer and may be activated during emergencies. These shelters aim to support individuals' health requirements, especially for those who are medically stable but need help with basic tasks or use electronic medical devices. Pre-registration is advised for those who qualify.

FEMA Disaster Assistance

Although the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Franklin County have now closed, there remains an option for individuals who were unable to visit any of the locations previously offered to apply for assistance.

To apply simply go to DisasterAssistance.gov or you can call: 1-800-621-3362.



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To apply and get answers to your questions, call:

1-800-621-3362

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

Please have the following available:

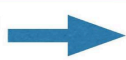
- Your address with zip code
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

Stay in touch with FEMA: When you apply, you will receive a FEMA registration number. Save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.



Online registration also available



DisasterAssistance.gov
ACCESS TO DISASTER HELP AND RESOURCES

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

See What We Are Up To


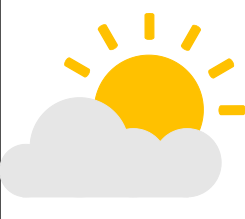


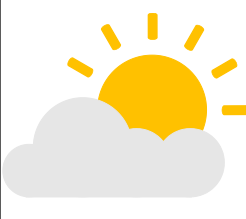
A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Jennifer Daniels, the Director, has been working on reimbursement for Hurricane Debby Hurricane Helene and also updating our directories.
- Amanda Anthony, the Coordinator, is preparing instructor notes for upcoming classes, and completing quarterly reports for our grants.
- Jessica Lockhart, the SPN Coordinator, is working on updating the pet preparedness plan, and taking trainings to further her knowledge about the field of Emergency Management.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is refining our checklists to ensure comprehensive hurricane preparedness, updating our communications plan, and applying for the CERT Grant.
- Scott Bush, the Quartermaster, is currently reorganizing the EOC trailers to accommodate a wider array of events and coordinating the organization of the Hangar.
- Judi Ring, the CERT President, is developing educational materials to raise awareness about the CERT program among the public, updating our event schedule, and applying for the CERT Grant.
- Rob Zingarelli, the Lead Radio Operator, is concentrating on the radio wiring setup within the command trailer.
- Robin Daniels, the Inventory Manager, is in the process of consolidating equipment from various areas within the EOC to both the command trailer and its supporting trailer.
- Patricia Bludworth is doing Re-Entry tags at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village.
- Allen Sanders, the Groundskeeper, has resumed grounds maintenance activities in preparation for the forthcoming summer season and is currently maintaining chainsaws.
- The team eagerly awaits the review and approval of the new building plans by the state Office of Environmental and Historic Preservation.

Upcoming Events

Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
Seafood Festival		Friday Nov 1st Saturday Nov 2nd	Friday 10AM-10:30PM Saturday 7AM-10:30PM	1 Bay Ave Apalachicola, FL 32320
Thanksgiving	Holiday	Thursday Nov 28, 2024	All Day	

Weather Outlook

	<u>Friday, Nov 1</u>	<u>Sat, Nov 2</u>	<u>Sun, Nov 3</u>	<u>Mon, Nov 4</u>	<u>Tues, Nov 5</u>
Weather					
	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
Temp. (F)	65 / 80	69 / 82	69 / 81	71 / 81	71 / 82

EOC Tip of the Week

Grill Master Safety



Only use your grill outside.

Keep it away from siding and deck rails.




Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire.

This will keep kids and pets safe.




Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.

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