

#### Dear Citizens,

With hurricane season underway, one thing remains clear as we face the uncertainties of a changing climate and more extreme weather: preparedness is our strongest defense. Jacksonville has a long history of resilience, and together, we will continue protecting our community through proactive planning and informed action.

The 2024 City of Jacksonville Emergency Prepared Guide is designed to be your comprehensive resource for navigating all types of emergencies. Within these pages, you will find crucial information, practical tips, detailed checklists, and step-by-step instructions for what to do before, during, and after an emergency.

It is vital that we all take the necessary steps to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones now. I urge you to make use of this guide to create a plan, assemble essential supplies, and familiarize yourself with the best practices for staying safe.

The City of Jacksonville is committed to ensuring our community is JaxReady—not just for hurricane season, but for any emergency that may arise.

By thoroughly reviewing this guide and taking the recommended actions, you will help strengthen our city's collective readiness and resilience.

Thank you for your dedication to preparedness and for doing your part to keep Jacksonville safe. Together, we can face any challenge with confidence and strength.

Stay Safe,

Donna Deegan

Donna Deega Mayor

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### THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND JEA - PARTNERS IN PREPAREDNESS

#### Dear JEA Customer:

As the 2024 Hurricane Season begins, I am writing to you as JEA's interim CEO and managing director and as your neighbor. Having dedicated many years to this remarkable organization, I have been a part of numerous storm seasons and have witnessed firsthand our team's dedication and commitment to our community.

Although this is my first storm season in this role, I have worked alongside team members throughout three decades of my tenure at JEA, and I've always been proud of our field workers who leave their families during a storm to ensure your families have reliable utility services.

We know you rely on us, and that's why we continually invest in upgrading our technology and electric and water infrastructure We have replaced wooden transmission structures with ductile iron, steel, and concrete; added generators and pumps to our facilities and hardened electric service to our most critical pump stations. These critical repairs and improvements help us restore power and return to normal operations more quickly after a major storm.

Keep in mind, our efforts alone are not enough. We ask you to join us in being prepared. Even before storm season begins, JEA team members work with the City of Jacksonville's Emergency Preparedness Division to practice response coordination. I also encourage each of you to take necessary steps to prepare your homes and families for the storm season. This includes creating an emergency kit, having a family communication plan, and staying informed about local weather updates. Also, be sure your contact information is current on your jea.com account.

While JEA reduces the risk of downed trees and broken branches causing outages by pruning trees within the rights-of-way all year long, we also encourage customers to responsibly maintain trees on their property, as proper tree care can greatly reduce outages.

During a storm, and in the days that follow, JEA crews operate around the clock. Once the height of the storm passes and weather reports indicate it is safe, we immediately enter the restoration phase of our emergency operations. Our "Restoration 1-2-3" process is designed to assess and repair our facilities and restore power across our 900-square-mile service territory as quickly and safely as possible.

Our phased response to storm restoration is detailed later in this guide. It will provide you important information about what JEA does, and what you should be doing as well.

Together, we can face this storm season with confidence and resilience. Thank you for your trust in JEA. We are privileged to serve you and our community, and we are steadfast in our commitment to your safety and well-being.

Warm regards,

Vickie Cave

Vickie Cavey JEA Interim CEO & Managing Director

TIP: Learn about JEA's power restoration process on page 11.

### TO REQUEST THIS GUIDE IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT, PLEASE CONTACT THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIVISION AT 904-255-3110.

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# **BASIC FIRST AID**



# **ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE**

An active shooter is an individual engaged in attempting to kill people in a confined space or populated area. Active shooters typically use firearms and have no pattern to their selection of victims. Learning what to do now can help you react quickly when every second counts.

# RUN

If you determine that you can reach an escape path to a safer area, then get out!

- 1. Be aware of your surroundings.
- 2. Have an exit plan.
- 3. Move away from the threat as quickly as possible.
- 4. Create as much distance between you and the threat as possible.

# HIDE

If you can't evacuate, find a secure place to hide out.

- 1. Create distance between you and the threat.
- 2. Find barriers to prevent or slow down the shooter from getting to you.
- 3. Turn off the lights and silence your phones.
- 4. Remain out of sight by hiding behind large objects.
- 5. Be quiet.

# **FIGHT**

As a last resort, if you can't hide out and if you have absolutely no other option, confront the active shooter.

- 1. Be aggressive, yell, and commit to your actions.
- 2. Do not fight fairly Throw items and use improvised weapons.
- 3. Survive by any means necessary.



### CALL OR TEXT 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

**INFORMATION TO GIVE TO 911** 

Location of the active shooter(s)

Number and type of weapons held by shooter(s)

Number of shooters

Number of potential victims at the location

Physical description of shooter(s)







TIP: The first officers on the scene will not stop to help the injured; their top priority is to end the threat. Rescue teams will move in after the first officers. They will treat and move the wounded to safety.

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# **IMPORTANT ALERT SYSTEMS**

It is important to know how the City of Jacksonville will notify the community before, during, and after an emergency. Below are some of the ways you can receive important emergency information.

### JAXREADY APP

The JaxReady app, brought to you by the Emergency Preparedness Division and Information Technologies Division of the City of Jacksonville, will help you monitor weather threats and plan for evacuation in the event of a natural disaster. Some of the features of the JaxReady app include:

- GPS functionality for locating your Evacuation Zone
- Current Emergency (EOC) Activation Level, Weather Threat Level, and Fire Danger Index based upon your geolocation
- Links to sign up for the special medical needs registry
- Weather and fire news

### Download the JAXREADY app today!

Available for iOS and Android devices

### WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS (WEA)

The Wireless Emergency Alerts system is an essential part of America's emergency preparedness. Authorized national, state, or local government authorities may send alerts regarding public safety emergencies – such as severe weather, missing children, or the need to evacuate - using these alerts. The alerts are broadcast to the geographic area affected by an emergency. Learn more by visiting **ready.gov/alerts**.

### **COMMERCIAL MEDIA**

Local broadcast stations will publish Duval County emergency alert information. Power failures are likely during a severe weather event; keep at least one batterypowered radio in your household.



### ALERTJAX

ALERTJAX is an emergency notification system that alerts Duval County residents in the event of an emergency. This system provides time-sensitive information for local and countywide emergencies, including severe weather warnings from the National Weather Service. ALERTJAX is a free service available to Duval County residents. Register for an account today by visiting JaxReady.com/ ALERTJAX

### **SMARTPHONE ALERTS**

Certain apps available on your smartphone have the capability of notifying you during a disaster or emergency. Make sure that you check your app preferences and have the alerts turned on so you will receive timely warnings.



#### www.nws.noaa.gov

Sign up for weather-related web feeds that are sent directly by text or email.

# **EMERGENCIES**

**CALL OR TEXT 911** 

# FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY



answer all questions to the best of your ability, so first responders know what to expect when they arrive.

### Dear Jacksonville,

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) has been a trusted resource in our community since 1955, first as an expressway authority, and for the past 53 years as the public transportation provider in Northeast Florida. The responsibility you have entrusted us with goes beyond the daily bus trips and the roads we build in your neighborhood.

Throughout the year, the JTA has proven to be a valuable community partner by supporting the region with transportation resources above and beyond our regular services. Whether it is providing cooling buses during large events, transporting residents to shelter locations in emergency situations or delivering essential items for our neighbors suffering from the devastating effects of hurricanes; the JTA is always at the ready to serve those in need. Our coordinated response to severe weather is part of that responsibility. The more than 800 JTA employees who call Jacksonville home stand ready to help our friends, families and neighbors during a severe weather event.

In the days leading up to, during, and after the storm, the JTA works collaboratively with the City of Jacksonville Emergency Operations Center, JEA, Beaches Energy, the Beaches Communities and Baldwin to ensure your family has the resources you need.

When an evacuation order is issued, the JTA provides free transportation to local shelters until it is no longer safe to do so. This includes JTA buses and transportation resources for those with special needs. During that time, you will see JTA buses marked "Evacuation Shuttles" stationed at designated pick-up locations at the Beaches and Baldwin that will take you to local shelters. Additional Evacuation Shuttles will also be deployed on JTA bus routes for those who do not live in those areas.

The JTA is proud to support our first responders, police, firefighters, and utility crews with transportation as they respond to critical needs in your neighborhoods.

As you prepare for the Atlantic Hurricane Season, and build your emergency kits, know that the JTA will be there for your during times of need. You can locate these and other resources in this Guide, and at **www.jtafla.com.** Thank you for putting your trust in the JTA.

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Nathanial P. Ford Sr. / JTA Chief Executive Officer

# R.E.V.A.M.P. DUVAL



The City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Division, in partnership with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, has created a new voluntary registry, *R.E.V.A.M.P. Duval*. R.E.V.A.M.P. Duval is the Registry for Endangered, Vulnerable, and Missing Persons within Duval County.

This secure registry allows caregivers to register those in their care with cognitive, memory impairment, or sensory disabilities who may be prone to wandering off.

First responders will use the information provided by caregivers and loved ones to aid in search and rescue efforts. Having access to vital information such as photos, frequently visited locations, critical medical conditions, and communication needs, allows first responders to better assist the missing individual.

WHO SHOULD? REGISTER	R.E.V.A.M.P. Duval is intended for individuals with cognitive, memory, or sensory impairments, such as, but not limited to, Alzheimer's and Autism. These individuals may be at risk for wandering off and become disoriented to time and place, requiring assistance from emergency responders to be returned safely home.
HOW DO I? REGISTER	<ul> <li>You may register online now at JaxReady.com/REVAMP.</li> <li>You may also download a registration form, which includes instruction to submit a paper copy by mail or digital copy by email.</li> <li>If you would like to register by phone, you may contact the Emergency Preparedness Division Office by calling (904) 255-3172</li> </ul>
WHAT ARE THE? ADVANTAGES OF REGISTERING	The information entered in the registry becomes available to police and fire personnel during response efforts. This provides responders with important context about any behaviors, critical medical conditions, and the best method of approaching the individual when searching for them.
WHAT? INFORMATION IS RECORDED	<ul> <li>The information can include the following, but many fields are not mandatory:</li> <li>The name, age, address, and description of the person.</li> <li>The name, address, contact information of the individual entering the data and any other support person who might be able to assist the person being registered.</li> <li>Disabilities or critical medical conditions the person may have.</li> <li>Behaviors that may be exhibited by the person.</li> <li>The best method for approaching the person.</li> <li>Any methods of transportation and locations the person frequently visits.</li> </ul>
HOW IS THIS? INFORMATION PROTECTED	The information within the registry will only be used in the planning for and provision of search and rescue services provided for the individuals registered. The registry is restricted for emergency responder access only on a "need-to-know" basis for official search and rescue operations.

### Visit JaxReady.com/REVAMP or use this QR code to learn more.



### FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS STICKER PROGRAM

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, and JaxReady have created a new program designed to alert first responders that someone at their residence and/or inside a vehicle may have Autism, Alzheimer's, Dementia, or another cognitive impairment. This program is called the *First Responder Awareness Sticker Program*.

The sticker will give law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel an advance notice that there may be someone present that could be in need of special assistance, involved in a crisis, or prone to wander.

The sticker program is for awareness only and first responders should act accordingly given the specific situation at the time of response.

Up to three stickers per household will be issued for qualifying individuals: one sticker for the residence and up to two stickers for vehicles belonging to caregivers. They must be displayed near the front entrance of the residence and on the rear window of the vehicle. To request a stickers for an individual in your household visit *JaxReady.com/ sticker*.



# HAVE A PLAN

Though it may seem difficult or time-consuming to plan for the unexpected, planning ahead is the number one way to stay safe in the event of a disaster. It is important to prepare for all hazards that could impact you, especially large-scale disasters like hurricanes that may affect the entire community.

**Prior to hurricane season**, develop or update your **Family Emergency Plan**. Hold a meeting with your family to discuss what you will do in an emergency. Ask the following questions:

WHAT IS YOUR ESCAPE PLAN? When planning for WHO IS YOUR OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT? Pick hurricanes, understand your evacuation zone and someone that each of your family members can contact establish an evacuation route (see back cover). to check-in with and report their status. DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT? The DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR ENTIRE kit should have enough supplies to last seven days for HOUSEHOLD? This includes children, pets, and every person in your family, including a plan for yearly individuals needing additional assistance. maintenance (see pages 9-10). DID YOU SHARE YOUR PLAN? Your Family Emergency WHERE WILL YOU MEET? Your family should have Plan should be shared with friends, co-workers, and out a set meeting location in the event that you become of town family members. Encourage them to develop Emergency Plans of their own. Disasters can affect separated. Also, consider where you would meet if you everyone in the community! evacuate. HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FAMILY **USE THIS QR CODE TO** IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY? You cannot DOWNLOAD THE CITY always count on your cell phone to work, especially if **OF JACKSONVILLE** cell towers are down. FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN TEMPLATE **TODAY!** 

### PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS

When business is disrupted, it can cost money. Lost revenues plus extra expenses mean reduced profits. Insurance does not cover all costs and cannot replace customers that defect to the competition. Ensuring that you have a plan in place will help minimize disruptions and unnecessary losses.

### Plan and prepare your:

• Staff

Space

- Surroundings
- SystemsStructure
- Services



Download a copy of our Business Continuity Template and start your plan today.

### **ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSPORTATION**

If you need transportation assistance to evacuate, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) will suspend fares for evacuation routes. If you plan to evacuate, be ready to evacuate early as these services will stop as conditions deteriorate.

- JTA will operate on a reduced schedule for normal routes
- All fixed route bus and First Coast Flyer BRT stops will become evacuation pick-up points to transport individuals to hubs
- Residents needing to evacuate can take any bus marked "Evacuation Shuttle" on a regular bus route before the announced cut-off time
- Residents can also go to any one of the four designated pick-up locations to be transported to a transfer hub, where you will then change buses to be transported to a public shelter:
  - O Fletcher High School
  - O Mayport Middle School
- O Baldwin Middle-High School
- O Jacksonville Beach Elementary

More information can be found at jtafla.com/severeweather or by calling (904) 630-3100.

# **BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT**

In the event of an emergency, you may need access to food for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other essential supplies to last for at least seven days. To assemble a supply kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire supply kit into one or two easy-to-carry containers. In some disasters, you may be safer staying at home. In the event that you need to evacuate, make sure you bring your emergency supply kit with you.



				FOOD SERVICE NEEDS			
Have	Need	N/A		Have	Need	N/A	<b>Y 1</b>
			Sleeping Bags and/or Pillows and Blankets				Drinking Water (one gallon per day per person for 7 days)
			Lawn Chairs/Folding Chairs				Non-Perishable Food
			Hot and Cold Weather Clothing				Manual Can Opener
			Sturdy Closed-Toe Work Shoes				Juice/Soft Drinks/Instant Coffee or Tea/Dry Milk
			Rain Gear				Lighter/Waterproof Matches
			Personal Hygiene (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.)				Pots/Pans/Cooking Utensils
			Medications (prescription and non-prescription)				Aluminum Foil
			Spare Eyeglasses				Disposable Plates, Cups, and Cutlery
			Hearing Aids				Plastic Wrap/Ziplock Bags/ Garbage Bags
			Entertainment (cards, books, quiet games)				Cooler for Food Storage
			Baby/Infant Needs (diapers, formula, baby food, etc.)				Cooler to Transport Ice
BASIC TOOLS							
	Need	N/A		Have	Need	N/A	
			Basic Tool Kit (hammer, wrenches,				NOAA Weather Radio
			etc.) Specialized Tools (for water, gas valves, etc.)				First Aid Kit With Instruction Book
			Plastic Tarps or Roll Plastic Sheeting				Battery Powered Television, Radio, and Clock
			Assorted Screws and Nails				Flashlights
			Duct Tape				Battery Powered Lanterns
			Canvas or Leather Work Gloves Fire Extinguisher				Extra Batteries and Car Chargers for Electronics
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# **BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT**

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			Cat Litter and Tray	_	_	_	Important Documents (identification, insurance
			Plastic Bags for Pet Waste				policies, and account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container)
			Current Photo of You and Your Pets				Keepsakes, Significant Photos
			Comfort Items (toys, bedding)				Coins, Cash, and Credit Cards
			Cage or Carrier for Each Animal				Maps and Evacuation Information
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# HOW JEA RESTORES POWER AFTER A STORM AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

# **BEFORE THE STORM**

#### **STORM HARDENING:**

Over the past several years, JEA has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in hardening our utility systems to make them more resistant to storm-related disruptions. These critical improvements help us restore power and return to normal operations more quickly after a major storm.

#### YEAR-ROUND TREE TRIMMING:

While strong winds and heavy rains cause their share of storm damage, most storm-related power outages result from tree branches falling on power lines. That makes some sections of Jacksonville – those with the most mature trees – more susceptible to service interruptions when a major storm hits. To reduce the risk of downed branches causing outages during a storm, JEA trims trees across the city all year, working on a 2.5-year cycle to cover JEA's 900-square-mile service territory.

#### WATER AND SEWER UPGRADES:

We've invested millions to upgrade our water and sewer facilities and have installed backup generators to reduce the risk of storm-related service interruptions.

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# **DURING THE STORM**

At the height of a major storm, JEA team members are in place, monitoring the weather and assessing the storm's impact on our facilities. Our Emergency Operations Center works around the clock. Key personnel are deployed to the field to alert us to any serious system failures. And our lineworkers are in position, waiting for weather conditions to improve to the point that it is safe for them to begin restoring power.



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# **AFTER THE STORM**

Once the height of the storm passes and weather reports indicate it is safe, JEA immediately enters the restoration phase of our emergency operations. Our "Restoration 1-2-3" process is designed to assess and repair our facilities and restore power across our service territory as quickly and safely as possible.



# **RESTORATION 1 · 2 · 3**

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### PHASE 1: PUBLIC SAFETY

As soon as weather conditions permit, JEA begins assessing our facilities, making critical repairs to our power plants, transmission lines, substations, and water and sewer facilities. We then restore power to our local hospitals, shelters, and police and fire stations, and make repairs to the "backbone" of our electric grid that will bring the majority of our customers back into power as quickly as possible.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO: STAY SAFE:



Phase 1 is our public safety phase, and we appreciate your patience as we restore these critical services first. If possible, stay off the roads and avoid downed power lines.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**REPORT YOUR OUTAGE:** 

You can report your outages before, during or after a storm– and receive acknowledgement and updates for your outage.

Call (904) 665-6000 or visit jea.com/outage to report your outage. You can also text "OUT" to MyJEA (69532) to get outage updates sent to your phone.



### WHAT YOU CAN DO: IF YOU STILL DON'T HAVE POWER: Sometimes, major storms can

cause damage to your home that will prevent your power from coming back on even though JEA has made all necessary repairs to your circuit. If everyone else in your neighborhood has power and you don't, please call (904) 665-6000 so JEA can help you determine the cause of your continued outage.To help us better assist you:

#### CHECK YOUR CIRCUIT BREAKER:

Have any switches been tripped? **Note:** If your home has any storm-related flooding, address this issue first before attempting to assess any home electrical problems.

#### MAKE A VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME:

Is there any visible damage to your weatherhead – the place where electric wires attach to your home? Are there any wires dangling on the ground that should be connected to your home? If so, stay clear and call (904) 630-CITY to report it.

#### IF YOU'RE RETURNING HOME AFTER EVACUATING:

Enter cautiously and look for signs of flooding or other damage. Steer clear of any downed power lines and report them to (904) 630-CITY.

#### POWER UP GRADUALLY:

Turn on your appliances one at a time to prevent power surges.

### PHASE 2: INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS

With public safety repairs complete, JEA will move to Phase 2 of our process. Utility crews now begin making repairs by electric "circuits" – repairing an entire circuit of approximately 2,500 homes before moving on to another circuit. Priority is given to making repairs that will restore power to the most customers.

### PHASE 3: FINAL REPAIRS

When repairs to all major circuits are complete, JEA will enter Phase 3, targeting the few remaining isolated outages. We know this phase can be the most frustrating for those few customers who are still without power, and for this reason we direct all our resources toward completing the restoration process.

# ANIMAL PREPAREDENESS

### SMALL ANIMAL PREPAREDNESS



Make sure your horse is identifiable with a bracelet or microchip



Have a surplus of feed available. Don't get to the last bale when disaster strikes Train horses to lead and trailer so they become comfortable with the process

you can board your horses

outside of an evacuation zone

TIP: If there is an emergency in Duval County and you have been ordered to evacuate, please contact Animal Care and Protective Services to get

current information on large

animal evacuation sites in our

area. Call 904-630-CITY (2489)



Never turn your horse or livestock loose. You never know how they will react, and they could be a danger to you and others

### -THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING-



Thunderstorms can develop in Duval County at any time, but they are most frequent in late spring through early fall. All thunderstorms produce lightning. Florida is considered the "lightning capital" of the country, with more than 2,000 lightning-related injuries occurring within the state over the last 50 years. Many hazardous weather events are associated with thunderstorms.

Lightning

• Hail

Thunderstorms can lead to:

- Flash flooding
- Strong winds
- Tornadoes

### During a thunderstorm you should:

- · Go inside or seek shelter immediately
- Avoid objects that conduct electricity
- Get as far away from water as possible
- Avoid open areas and high ground

### SEVERE THUNDERSTORM RISK CATEGORIES

Marginal Risk (MRGL)	Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity Wind to 40-60 mph, hail up to 1", and low tornado risk.
Slight Risk (SLGT)	Scattered severe storms possible	Short-lived or not widespread, isolated intense storms One or two tornadoes Reports of strong winds and wind damage Hail -1", isolated 2"
Enhanced Risk (ENH)	Numerous severe storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense A few tornadoes Several wind damage reports Damaging hail 1"-2"
Moderate Risk (MDT)	Widespread severe storms likely	Long-lived, widespread and intense Strong tornadoes Widespread wind damage Destructive hail, 2" or greater
High Risk (HIGH)	Widespread severe storms expected	Long-lived, very widespread, and particularly intense Tornado outbreak Derecho (widespread, long-lived wind storms)

### TORNADOES



A tornado is a column of violently rotating air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground. Lightning and hail are common in thunderstorms that produce tornadoes. The extent of destruction caused by a tornado depends on its intensity, size, path, and amount of time it is on the ground.

When conditions are right for a tornado, there are a few things you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones:

- Ensure you have multiple ways to receive weather alerts, warnings, and notifications (see page 5).
- Stay tuned to local weather or listen to your NOAA weather radio.
- Go to the innermost hallway on the lowest floor of your home or workplace. Stay away from windows.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in a car. Seek sturdy shelter immediately.
- If you live in a manufactured home, seek other sturdy shelter immediately.
- Do not leave your shelter until the danger has passed.

### TORNADO ALERTS

### Tornado Watch

**BE AWARE:** Conditions are right for a tornado to form. Make sure you have a way to receive weather alerts and know your safe space.



**TAKE ACTION:** A tornado has been spotted in your area or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately in your safe space.





A wildfire is an unplanned, unwanted fire. Wildfires often occur in wilderness areas, but they can happen anywhere. Wildfires can start by natural causes, such as lightning, but most are caused by humans. While wildfires are a year-round risk in Florida, peak activity usually occurs January through June. Some ways that you can protect your home from wildfires include:

- Creating and maintaining a defensive space (30 ft. area around your home that is free of anything that will burn)
- Regularly cleaning your roof and gutters
- Regularly mowing grass and disposing of dead, dry plant matter
- Thinning out trees so there is at least 10 to 15 ft. between tree crowns
- Adhering to the year-round burn ban





The City of Jacksonville cares about your well-being and wants to ensure your safety during extreme heat. For Cooling Center locations and information, tips to stay safe in the heat, and more, scan the QR code.



### HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Tropical disturbances, tropical depressions, tropical storms, and hurricanes are all different types of tropical cyclones, classified by their maximum sustained surface wind speed. Tropical cyclones are rotating low-pressure systems that form over warm tropical water.

Tropical storms and hurricanes are among the most dangerous risks to Duval County. **The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October.** However, storms can form at any time throughout the year.



## SAFFIR-SIMPSON Hurricane Wind Scale

#### WIND: 157 mph or higher

**DAMAGE:** A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas.

### WIND: 130-156 mph

**DAMAGE:** Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas.



**DAMAGE:** Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking, and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads.

### WIND: 96-110 mph

**DAMAGE:** Well-constructed framed homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads.

#### WIND: 74-95 mph

Category 1 - 5

**DAMAGE:** Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding, and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap, and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled.

### **INTROPICAL WEATHER ALERTS**

### **Tropical Weather Watch**

**BE AWARE:** Tropical Storm or Hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours in the Watch area. Monitor alerts, check your emergency supplies, and gather any items you may need if you lose power.

## **Tropical Weather Warning**

TAKE ACTION: Tropical Storm or Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours in the Warning area. During a Warning, complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by local officials.

### **STAY WEATHER AWARE**



Stay informed on current weather conditions from the comfort of your home with WeatherSTEM!

This innovative system provides users access to high-resolution weather cameras, real-time radar, and much more throughout Duval County.

### Start at Duval.WeatherStem.com

### - FLOODING -

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States. With many low-lying areas, the St. Johns River, and other waterways, Duval County is always at risk for flooding regardless of whether a tropical cyclone is affecting our area. The impact of a tropical cyclone can vary depending on the amount of rainfall, wind intensity, high or low tide, storm surge, and wave characteristics.



The St. Johns River flows north toward the Atlantic Ocean. As a storm approaches, water begins to back up the river, slowing down its flow into the Atlantic Ocean. When paired with high tides and rainfall, widespread flooding is a significant threat.

### **FLOODWATER FACTS**

- Six inches of moving water can knock over an adult
- Two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles
- Floodwater can be electrically charged and very dangerous if there are downed power lines
- Floodwater can contain debris, sharp objects, sewage, and microorganisms
- Floodwater can hide holes or other hazards under its surface

### **EVACUATION ZONES AND FLOOD ZONES ARE NOT THE SAME THING!**

Evacuation Zones	Are calculated using many factors such as wave action, precipitation, drainage systems, and areas that could become isolated from emergency services.
Flood Zones	Geographic areas that FEMA has defined according to varying levels of flood risk. Flood zones are used for flood insurance ratings and building code requirements.

### **URBAN FLOODING**

Urban flooding, also referred to as nuisance flooding, is the accumulation of floodwaters that result when the inflow of stormwater exceeds a drainage system's capacity to infiltrate water into the soil or carry it away. Prolonged or sudden intense rainfall saturates the ground, and less rain can be soaked up by soil and drainage systems. You can help mitigate this by ensuring that grass clippings, mulch, and other debris remain clear of storm drains.

### **STORM SURGE**

Storm surge is an abnormal and dangerous rise of water generated by a hurricane or tropical storm. As these storms make landfall, they produce rises in water level and strong winds that push water into shore. A storm surge can increase the normal high tide by 15 feet or more. Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane.

In 2017, Jacksonville experienced this first hand with Hurricane Irma, which produced significant flooding along the banks of the St. Johns River.



### PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

One dollar invested in protecting your home can save up to six dollars in damage expenses. Wind, flood, and storm surge are three hazards that are common to coastal and river communities, like Duval County. **Below are some things you can do to address these hazards:** 

### WIND

$\checkmark$	Consider installing storm shutters for all large windows and glass doors
$\checkmark$	Consider a new roof with hurricane-rated shingles
$\checkmark$	Make sure roof is fastened to the structure with hurricane straps or clips
$\checkmark$	Install head and foot bolts on double-entry doorways
$\checkmark$	Use a security deadbolt with one-inch minimum bolt on all exterior doors
$\checkmark$	Consider a hurricane-resistant or reinforced garage door

### **FLOOD & STORM SURGE**

- Keep gutters and drains free of debris
- Stockpile emergency protective materials
  - Elevate water heater, electric panel, and heating/ cooling systems if susceptible to flooding
  - Dry Floodproofing, which means making a building watertight through the use of waterproof membranes, backflow valves, and other measures

Wet Floodproofing, which means modifying uninhabited portions of your home to allow floodwaters to enter and exit

### HOME SAFETY

Take the time now to consider the impact that tropical-storm force winds will have on your home. Below are some things to consider when making preparations. Consult a qualified professional or licensed contractor if you have questions or concerns.

### THINGS TO KNOW

- When was your home built?
- Is your home located in an evacuation or flood zone?
- How many stories is your home?
- How strong are your walls?
- What kind of roof do you have?

### **MANUFACTURED & MOBILE HOMES**

- Anchors are required per Florida Law
- Check tie-downs at least once a year. Review Florida Administrative Code 15C-1 for tie-down requirements.
- No matter how good your tie-downs are, evacuating is the best plan to save your life.
- Don't forget that utility/storage sheds, carports, and other vulnerable structures need to be secured.



### **PREPARING YOUR BOAT**

If you own a boat, you need to have a plan for severe weather for your specific boat, local environment, and available safe havens. When a storm is approaching, quick action is needed.

Ĵ	Practice how to secure your boat in the marina
Ĵ	Check your lease or boat storage agreement
Ĵ	Know your responsibilities and liabilities
Ĵ	Gather important records and insurance policies
Ĵ	Have a photo of your boat and the Hull ID Number
Ĵ	Know how to contact the harbor master and Coast Guard

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Ĵ	Listen to local officials for specific boat evacuation instructions
Ĵ	DO NOT stay aboard a vessel during a storm
<u>ڳ</u>	Remove all objects that could become unsecured: canvas, sails, dinghies, radios, biminis, etc.
Ĵ	Lash down everything you cannot remove: tillers, wheels, booms
Ĵ	Make sure the electrical system is turned off
Ĵ	Remove the battery and portable fuel

### **RESPONSE** -

### **EVACUATE OR SHELTER IN PLACE?**

### PREPARATION TIPS WHEN A HURRICANE IS EXPECTED



Review your family emergency plan



Check for weather updates regularly on your TV, radio, or online



Bring loose, lightweight objects indoors, such as patio furniture and garbage cans



Purchase supplies to board-up windows if you do not have storm shutters



Refill prescription medications



Trim or remove trees that are close enough to fall and cause damage to your home or property

Anchor objects that are unsafe to bring indoors



Gas and service your vehicles

### **DECIDING TO STAY OR GO**

If you are in a Mandatory Evacuation Zone, **take action immediately**. If you are not in a Mandatory Evacuation Zone, you may choose to stay in your home. Keep in mind; you may only need to travel a short distance to safely evacuate. Moving to an area not in an evacuation zone may be sufficient.



### PREPARE



MINIMIZE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP Financial preparedness is critical. Take time to organize your financial documents and keep extra copies with your supply kit. Contact your insurance agent and ensure you are covered for hurricane-

related hazards. Flood insurance must be purchased separately!

PLEASE NOTE: a flood insurance policy generally takes effect 30 days after purchase. Do not wait until the last minute to obtain this coverage!

Make an inventory of your personal assets and keep it in a safe, dry place. If possible, take photos and video of your belongings and keep them with you during the event of an emergency.



Be sure that you keep cash on hand as power outages may prevent access to ATMs and may limit the use of credit/debit cards.



TIP: Don't forget to set aside funds to pay your hurricane deductible.

### ORGANIZE DISASTER SUPPLIES

Your emergency supply kit should have enough supplies to last seven days for every person in your family, including a plan for yearly maintenance. For a list of suggested items to include in your kit, see pages 9-10.



### **EVACUATION CHECKLIST**



TIP: Prior to evacuating, consider taking photos or videos of your residence to assist in documentation of property. This may help provide information for potential insurance claims.

### RESPONSE

### SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTERS

A special medical needs shelter is a designated structure that has backup power and is capable of providing safe refuge for evacuees who have health conditions that require basic assistance or supervision from a medical professional during a disaster. These shelters are managed by the Florida Department of Health in Duval County. Things to Consider:



- A caregiver must accompany any individual requiring more than basic assistance
- Individuals with special dietary needs should bring their own food
- You must PRE-REGISTER every year if you plan to stay at a special medical needs shelter

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TIP: If you are staying at a special medical needs shelter, turn on a porch light before you leave your house so workers can tell when your power has been restored, and it is safe for you to return home.

### SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS REGISTRATION



### Who needs to register?

The Special Medical Needs Registry is for individuals that may need to seek shelter during an emergency that may have the following medical needs:

- Medically dependent on electricity
- Require oxygen therapy
- Assistance taking daily medications
- Basic assistance from medical professionals for physical, cognitive, or medical condition

### How do I register myself or someone I care for?

Visit JaxReady.com/specialmedicalneeds to register online or call 904-255-3172 for assistance.

### What is provided at a Special Medical Needs Shelter?

- Basic medical assistance
- Food essentials

- Power
- Shelter



### Do I need to bring a caregiver with me?

A caregiver is required for **memory impaired** clients. However, we encourage all clients to bring caregivers, if available.



### Can I bring my pet with me?

Only **service animals** are allowed to accompany you to the shelter.



### What are the transportation options to the shelters?

**Jacksonville Transportation Authority** will coordinate transportation with Special Medical Needs clients through the Emergency Operations Center during a disaster.



### Learn more or register today at JaxReady.com

REMINDER: You must register every year to maintain your Special Medical Needs status.

### RESPONSE

### **EVACUATION SHELTERS**



Evacuation shelters are a refuge of last resort and should only be considered if you need to evacuate and have no other options. If you can safely shelter in place, stay with friends or family, or stay in a hotel, it is recommended that you do so.

If your only option is to stay at a shelter, you should bathe and eat before securing your home and relocating. Residents are encouraged to bring their own food, pillows, and bedding. Do not bring any valuables with you. Smoking and alcohol consumption are not permitted at any shelter. Additionally, childcare is not provided at any shelter; you are required to supervise your children.

### Do not go to a shelter until it has been announced that it is open.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Not all shelters will open. Check JaxReady.com, the JaxReady app, and local news outlets for a current list of openings.

#### ARRIVALS

Register with shelter staff and check out before you leave. Be considerate of others.

### PREPARATIONS

Bring your emergency supply kit with you. Only basic necessities are provided.

### **GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS**



General population shelters are managed by the American Red Cross and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

### PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS



Pet-friendly shelters provide shelter to evacuees and their pets. Only household pets, including dogs, cats, birds, and rabbits, are allowed in pet-friendly shelters.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO A SHELTER?

□ Air mattress, blankets, pillows, or other bedding

#### Food, water, and medication

- □ Important papers
- □ Your emergency supply kit (see pages 9-10)

#### Visit JaxReady.com/shelter for more information

### SHELTER HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- Treat everyone with respect
- Respect all health and safety protocols—they protect everyone
- Sanitize your belongings regularly (electronics, toys)
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces, such as handrails, as much as possible. Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
- No weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, or smoking
- Place all tissues and waste items into trash bins
- Comply with health checks at entry and while in the shelter
- If you feel ill, see a staff member immediately
- The shelter is subject to quarantine by public health officials

### **RECOVERY** \_\_\_\_

### POST DISASTER SAFETY TIPS

If you evacuated, wait for public officials to announce that it is safe before you return home. Each year, there are a significant number of injuries while cleaning up after a storm. Consider the following tips to stay safe after a storm:



**AVOID DRIVING**: Following a storm, traffic signals may not be working, or there may be downed power lines and trees. Only drive if necessary.



**AVOID FLOODWATERS**: Avoid driving or wading through floodwaters as they may be electrically charged, contain dangerous debris, or be covering places where the ground has washed away.



**CHECK FOR DANGER**: Check the outside of your home for loose power lines, gas leaks, or structural damage. Do not enter a building until it has been inspected.



**PROTECT YOURSELF**: Wear appropriate protective gear, such as gloves and masks, to shield yourself from debris and airborne hazards.



**PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE**: Do what you can to prevent further damage to your home, such as placing a tarp over a hole in the roof or covering a broken window.



**AVOID ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**: Do not use electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.

### STAY HEALTHY



**CLEAN AND DISINFECT** everything that got wet as floodwaters can contain sewage, bacteria, and chemicals.



**AIR OUT** your home by opening doors and windows whenever you are present, and conditions are safe.

**POST-STORM CLEAN UP** 



**THROW AWAY** any food that was not maintained at a proper temperature or may have been exposed to floodwaters.

**REMEMBER THE COIN IN FREEZER TRICK.** If the coin is on top of the frozen cup of water, then the contents of your freezer stayed frozen and are safe for consumption. If the coin has moved, the contents may be questionable and should be thrown away.



**MOVE OUT** saturated, porous materials such as upholstered furniture or mattresses, especially if there is visible fungal growth.

**CLEAN OUT** and disinfect any remaining debris and mud in your home. If your home is damaged from a storm, first contact your insurance company or agent. You may need to contact a professional to dry out your home or tear out flooring, drywall, insulation, or other materials that were saturated by floodwaters.



Using a generator indoors can kill you in minutes. Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide. This is a poison you cannot see or smell.

NEVER use a generator inside a home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.

ONLY use a generator outside and 20 feet from windows, doors, and vents. Point the exhaust away from your home.



### RECOVERY

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<b>DEBRIS SEPARATION:</b> Separate debris into the four categories shown above. Failure to keep debris separated by type may prevent workers from collecting it.	WHEN TO PLACE DEBRIS: Debris should be placed curbside as soon as safely possible after the storm to ensure efficient removal. Storm recovery crews make multiple passes, targeting areas with the heaviest debris first.
WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS: Debris should be placed curbside without blocking the roadway or storm drains. Place debris at least three feet from all obstacles. Do not stack or lean debris against utility boxes/poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, or other structures. Do not place debris under trees or power lines.	<b>DO NOT BURN DEBRIS</b> : Burning storm debris is a violation of Jacksonville's year-round burn ban. Citizens can report this violation to 630-CITY (2489) by phone or online at myjax.custhelp.com.
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an increase in mosquitoes, usually one week after a major storm event. In response, the City provides effective mosquito control while protecting public health and the environment. Follow these tips to protect yourself from mosquitoes after a storm:

- Cover bare skin with insect repellent
- Wear long sleeves and pants when outside
- Consider staying indoors
- Check and repair screens on windows and doors
- Drain standing water to prevent mosquito breeding sites
- Remove debris and water from rain gutters and downspouts

VISIT JACKSONVILLE.GOV/MOSQUITO FOR MORE INFORMATION

# **FIRE SAFETY**

### PREPARE YOUR FAMILY AND HOME

Ensuring that you are prepared in case of a fire, big or small, can save you and your loved ones lives when seconds matter. Make sure you take the necessary steps to protect your home and your family by taking the following steps.



# FIRE SAFETY

# JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will provide and install a free smoke detector for any qualifying Jacksonville resident living in a single-family or two-family residence. The department also will install replacement batteries in existing smoke detectors at no charge.



For a free smoke detector or to arrange to have the batteries in an existing device replaced, call 904-630-CITY (2489).

### PRACTICE P.A.S.S.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when a fire is confined to a small area, such as a trashcan, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS:** 

Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.

A Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

**S** Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

**S** Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.



 $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  LITHIUM BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-ion batteries power many portable consumer electronics and electric vehicles. In normal applications, these batteries are safe, but if damaged or overheated, they can cause fires. Use the following safety precautions:

- Don't use off brand products
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines on charging
- Keep away from hot surfaces and flammable materials
- Provide airflow (example: don't wrap in a blanket or under pillow)
- Don't use cords that show damage
- Look for UL certified products
- If it feels hot to the touch, stop using or charging immediately
- Call 9-1-1 if you see smoke or flames



TIP: Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.

### TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

$\checkmark$	Teach your children how and when to call 911.
$\checkmark$	Make sure they know what your home smoke detector sounds like and where to go if the alarm goes off.
$\checkmark$	Make sure your children know your family meeting place.
$\checkmark$	Teach your children to never play with fire.

# **CYBER CRIME**

Cyber crimes are malicious attempts to access or damage a computer or network system. These crimes can lead to the loss of money or the theft of personal, financial, and medical information. They can damage your reputation and safety. Technology is an ever-increasing part of our lives. While it makes many things more accessible, it also comes with risks. Protect yourself and your loved ones by taking the following steps:



### HOW CYBER CRIMES OCCUR

- Accessing your personal computers, mobile phones, gaming systems, and other internet- and Bluetooth-connected devices.
- Blocking your access or deleting your personal information and accounts.
- Damaging your financial security, including identity
   I theft.
- Complicating your employment or business services.
  - Impacting transportation and the power grid.

### PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST CYBER CRIMES

$\checkmark$	Limit the personal information you share online. Change privacy settings and do not use location features.
$\checkmark$	Keep software applications and operating systems up-to-date.
$\checkmark$	Create strong passwords by using upper and lower case letters, numbers, and special characters. Use a password manager and two methods of verification.
$\checkmark$	Watch for suspicious activity that asks you to do something right away, offers something that sounds too good to be true, or needs your personal information.
$\checkmark$	Protect your home and/or business using a secure Internet connection and Wi-Fi network, and change passwords regularly.
$\checkmark$	Don't share PINs or passwords. Use devices that use biometric scans when possible (e.g. fingerprint scanner or facial recognition).
$\checkmark$	Check your account statements and credit reports regularly.
$\checkmark$	Be cautious about sharing personal financial information, such as your bank account number, Social Security number or credit card number.
$\checkmark$	Use antivirus and anti-malware solutions, and firewalls to block threats.
$\checkmark$	Back up your files regularly in an encrypted file or encrypted file storage device.
$\checkmark$	Do not click on links in texts or emails from people you don't know. Scammers can create fake links to websites.
$\checkmark$	Remember that the government will not call, text or contact you via social media about owing money.
$\checkmark$	Keep in mind that scammers may try to take advantage of financial fears by calling with work-from-home- opportunities, debt consolidation offers and student loan repayment plans.



TIP: Let federal, state, and local authorities know if you believe you have been a victim of a cyber crime.

# TERRORISM

As we have seen over the last several years, terrorism remains a threat to our nation. People with political or social causes may use extreme violence to make a statement or achieve some other political goal. To combat the threat of terrorism, emergency service officials across all levels of government continue to work together to implement effective strategies for preventing and responding to incidents.



ESTABLISH A FAMILY MEETING PLACE

### IF AN ACT OF TERRORISM AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY

**COMMUNICATIONS PLAN** 

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- Remain calm and be patient
- Follow the advice of local emergency officials
- Monitor local alerts and warnings, and stay tuned to local broadcast media via television and radio for important updates and instructions.

TIP: Be prepared to evacuate or shelter-in-place if instructed to do so by authorities.

# **BEACH SAFETY**

The beaches of Duval County use a flag system to inform sunbathers and beach goers of the current ocean conditions. Flags are located along the beach at various boardwalk cross-overs. In the absence of flags, swimmers should use extreme caution when entering the water.

### TIPS TO STAY SAFE IN THE WATER



RIP CURRENT SAFETY

**What are rip currents?** Rip currents are powerful channels of fast-moving water that usually flow away from the shore. Rip currents can occur during both calm and rough conditions. Rip currents claim more lives in Florida than hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and lightning combined.

Where do rip currents form? Typically, rip currents form at breaks in the sandbar, and near structures such as jetties and piers.



### No waves breaking in the area

- Unusual choppiness
- Discoloration of water
- A line of foam, seaweed, or debris moving away from the shore

What are some clues that a rip current may be present?

### IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- **C** Don't fight the current
- Swim with the current, then to shore

If you can't escape, float or tread water

ি If you need help, call or yell for assistance

# WATER SAFETY

### **POOL SAFETY**

Swimming and other water-related activities that you can enjoy in a pool are excellent ways to enjoy physical activity. However, it is important to know what to do to reduce the risk of injury.

Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.		Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.						
Never leave a child unattended near a pool. There is no substitute for adult supervision.		Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards, and emphasize the need for constant supervision.						
Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.		Learn CPR and rescue breathing.						
Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone and can call for help if needed.		Only use proper and approved flotation devices. Do not confuse proper and approved flotation devices with toys.						
Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.		If a child is missing, always check the pool first. <b>Seconds count!</b>						
When children in your care are near water, be near them. Drownings are a leading cause of injury or death								

When children in your care are near water, be near them. Drownings are a leading cause of injury or death for young children ages 1 to 14. Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in protecting those in their care.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ - BOAT SAFETY

### **MARINE WEATHER TERMINOLOGY**

Small Craft Exercise Caution	Winds 15-20 kts and/or seas of 6 ft		
Small Craft Advisory	Winds 20-33 kts and/or seas > 7 ft		
Gale Warning	Wind speed 34-47 kts or frequent gusts 34-47 kts		
Storm Warning	Wind speed 48-63 kts or gusts of 48-63 kts		
Special Marine Warning	Winds > 34 kts and/ or 3/4 inch hail and/or waterspouts		
Tropical Storm Warning	Wind speeds > 34- 63 kts with a tropical cyclone imminent		
Hurricane Warning	Wind speeds > 64 kts with a tropical cyclone imminent		

### SAFETY ITEMS TO BRING



# RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

#### **INFORMATION & REFERRAL HOTLINES City Customer Service**



**City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Division** (904) 255-3110 jaxready.com

### United Way (211)

FREE Helpline: 2-1-1 (904) 632-0600 nefl211.org or unitedwaynefl.org

United Way 211 helpline connects people of all ages and walks of life to essential health, human and social services. Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the service connects callers for free to trained resource specialists who provide available information on over 1,200 community services and resources. United Way 211 is also the suicide intervention and prevention helpline for Northeast Florida and is nationally accredited by the American Association of Suicidology. For more information on 211 or to access the online database, visit unitedwaynefl.org/get-help. To get help now, dial 2-1-1, text HELLO to 211904, or call (904) 632-0600 on your cell phone or landline.

### **FOOD & SHELTER**

#### American Red Cross (800) 733-2767 (904) 358-8091 redcross.org (Shelter Information)

### **Feeding Northeast Florida**

feedingnefl.org (904) 513-1333 (Food Distribution Location Information)

### The Salvation Army

(904) 356-8641 salvationarmyusa.org/usn (Food and Shelter Information)

### **Salvation Army Relief Drive:**

Items often needed include non-perishable food, dry goods, diapers, formula, and hygiene items. NO CLOTHES. Drop off at 41 North Davis Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are an organization or group with volunteer interests, email United Way of Northeast Florida at volunteer@uwnefl.org. For individual volunteer opportunities, please visit unitedwaynefl.org/volunteer. Individuals interested in volunteering for disaster relief are encouraged to pre-register at the previously mentioned website and select: "Contact me in the event of a disaster."

#### **MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT Disaster Distress Helpline**

(800) 985-5990 (call or text)

Florida Blue 24-Hour Helpline (833) 848-1762

### **Behavioral Health Treatment Directory**

(800) 662-HELP (4357) Or visit FindTreatment.gov

### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FEMA

(800) 621-FEMA (3362) (800) 462-7585 (TTY) fema.gov

### TRANSITIONAL SHELTERING ASSISTANCE:

Please visit femaevachotels.com.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF A HURRICANE.

Contact FEMA at the phone numbers listed above or visit disasterassistance.gov.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE: If a building is in a floodplain and is substantially damaged (50% or more of the building value), it MUST be brought into compliance with local floodplain management regulations. All property owners should check with local building officials to determine if permits for repair are required BEFORE beginning work. There can be serious consequences for not complying with the permitting process.

#### UTILITIES

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#### **CABLE TV & PHONE**

(800) 683-5542 (904) 665-6000 jea.com

**FPL** (800) 468-8243 fpl.com

### AT&T (800) 288-2020

(800) 934-6489

Xfinity

### TRANSPORTATION

JTA

(904) 630-3100 jtafla.com

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

What evacuation zone am I in?	The JaxReady app will tell you which evacuation zone you are in based on your current location. You can also find your evacuation zone by entering your address on the JaxReady app or at JaxReady.com.
When should I evacuate?	Always follow evacuation orders from local officials. If you are in a Mandatory Evacuation Zone, take action immediately. If you do not feel safe, seek shelter elsewhere. If you do plan to evacuate, do so as early as possible. Keep in mind that you may not need to travel a far distance to safely evacuate. Moving to a non-evacuation zone may be sufficient.
If I do not evacuate, can I still get help?	Emergency responders may have difficulty reaching you during a disaster. Roads may be inaccessible due to water, debris, or other hazards. Emergency responders will follow mandatory evacuation orders and may not be able to help those who do not evacuate.
Where are shelters located?	Duval County has numerous evacuation shelters, most of which are located in schools. Keep in mind that not all shelters will be open. Do not go to a shelter until it is announced that it is open. Open shelter locations can be found on the JaxReady app or by visiting JaxReady.com.
When will bridges close?	Wind conditions at area bridges are monitored closely. If sustained winds exceed 40 miles per hour, affected bridges will be closed.
Are City services interrupted?	Depending on the severity of the incident, services such as garbage collection may be delayed. Check for announcements regarding potential interruptions.
Does homeowners or renters insurance cover flood damage?	No. Standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies do not cover damages caused by flooding. A separate flood insurance policy is necessary to protect against flood losses. Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For more information on flood insurance, contact your insurance agent or the NFIP directly at (800)427-4661 or floodsmart.gov.
Should I purchase flood insurance?	There is typically a 30-day waiting period following the purchase of flood insurance. Additionally, insurance policies cannot be written or modified once a storm impacts the Gulf of Mexico or western Atlantic. Contact your insurance agent today to ensure that you are covered.
How can I protect myself from contractor fraud?	Only hire a licensed contractor. Be cautious of anyone coming to your home uninvited and offering to do repairs. Obtain a written estimate or contract for work to be completed. Do not pay in full before work begins or pay the final balance until work is completed to your satisfaction. Do not pull permits for the contractor, as this may be an indication that they are not properly licensed. Visit myfloridalicense.com to check if a contractor is licensed. Report potential fraud to the State of Florida Consumer Fraud hotline at (866) 966-7226.

# **MILITARY INFORMATION**

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

Following a declared disaster, all active duty military, reserve, and civilian employees are required to log in to their respective web-based Accountability and Assessment System to muster, identify their new location, and provide updated contact information. If your family is impacted by a disaster, complete a needs assessment. A family support representative will contact you.

### MUSTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND COAST GUARD

- 1. Upon reporting to your new unit or if any of your information changes, log in to your Accountability and Assessment System and update it.
- 2. Following a disaster, terrorist, or mandatory evacuation event, proceed to a safe location/haven and report your status and whereabouts ASAP to your Chain of Command via immediate supervisor or Command Duty Officer.
- 3. If unable to contact your command, log onto NFAAS and muster self & family.
- 4. If unsuccessful, contact Navy Personnel Command Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) at (877) 414-5358.
- 5. When directed, complete a needs assessment.

Army (ADPAAS): adpaas.army.mil Navy (NFAAS): navyfamily.navy.mil Air Force (AFPAAS): hafpaas.af.mil Coast Guard (CGPAAS): cgpaas.uscg.mil

### MUSTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MARINE CORPS

- 1. Before departing, log in to MOL at mol.usmc.mil and update your information.
- 2. During an emergency or displacement, proceed to your designated safe haven as required by evacuation protocol. Once you arrive, log in to MOL and select the applicable disaster event code, accountability code, and adjust the planned location address. Contact your chain-of-command to let them know you are safe.
- 3. After the storm, terminate the accountability requirement and return to your home. The Marine will select the "000" disaster event code and update the planned location address if applicable.



### NAVY AND MARINE CORPS CONTACTS

- Ready Navy: ready.navy.mil
- Ready Marine Corps: ready.marines.mil
- Navy Personnel Command Emergency Coordination Center: (877) 414-5358
- DON Civilian Employee Assistant Program Helpline: (844) DONCEAP
- Individual Augmentee Family Helpline: (877) 364-4302
- Navy-Marine Relief Society (NMCRS): (800) 654-8364 or call the American Red Cross for after-hours support at (877) 272-7337
- Jacksonville NMCRS: (904) 542-3515
- Mayport NMCRS: (904) 270-5418 ext. 1504
- Kings Bay NMCRS: (912) 573-3928
- N.S. Mayport Info: (855) 891-6306
- N.A.S. Jacksonville Info: (800) 849-6024
- N.S.B. Kings Bay Info: (912) 573-4513
- Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island Information Line: (904) 696-4810

### COAST GUARD SECTOR JAX AND NATIONAL GUARD CONTACTS

- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance: cgmahq.org; (800) 881-2462
- Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Command Center: (904) 714-7561 or (904) 714-7558
- Florida National Guard Family Programs: fl.ng.mil or (800) 226-0360
- National Guard Bureau Family Program Hotline: (877) 777-7731
- Florida Army National Guard, Headquarters, St. Augustine Information Line: (904) 823-0364
- Florida Air National Guard, 125th Fighter Wing Command Post: (904) 741-7125

### ARMY AND AIR FORCE CONTACTS

- Ready Army: ready.army.mil
- Ready Air Force: beready.af.mil
- Army Well-Being Division Helpline: (800) 833-6622
- Air Force Personnel Center: afpc.af.mil
- Air Force Helpdesk: (800) 525-0102
- Army Emergency Relief: aerhq.org
- Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Society: aafmaa.com

### TRICARE CONTACTS

- General Website: tricare.mil
- East Region: Humana Military; tricare-east.com; (800) 444-5445
- West Region: Health Net; tricare-west.com; (844) 866-9378

# YOUR EMERGENCY INFORMATION

YOUR EVACUATION ZONE											
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Outside of your neighborhood:											
Out-of-town:	•••••										
OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT											
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS											
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Veterinarian:	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •										
Homeowners/Renters Insurance Information:	••••••										

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