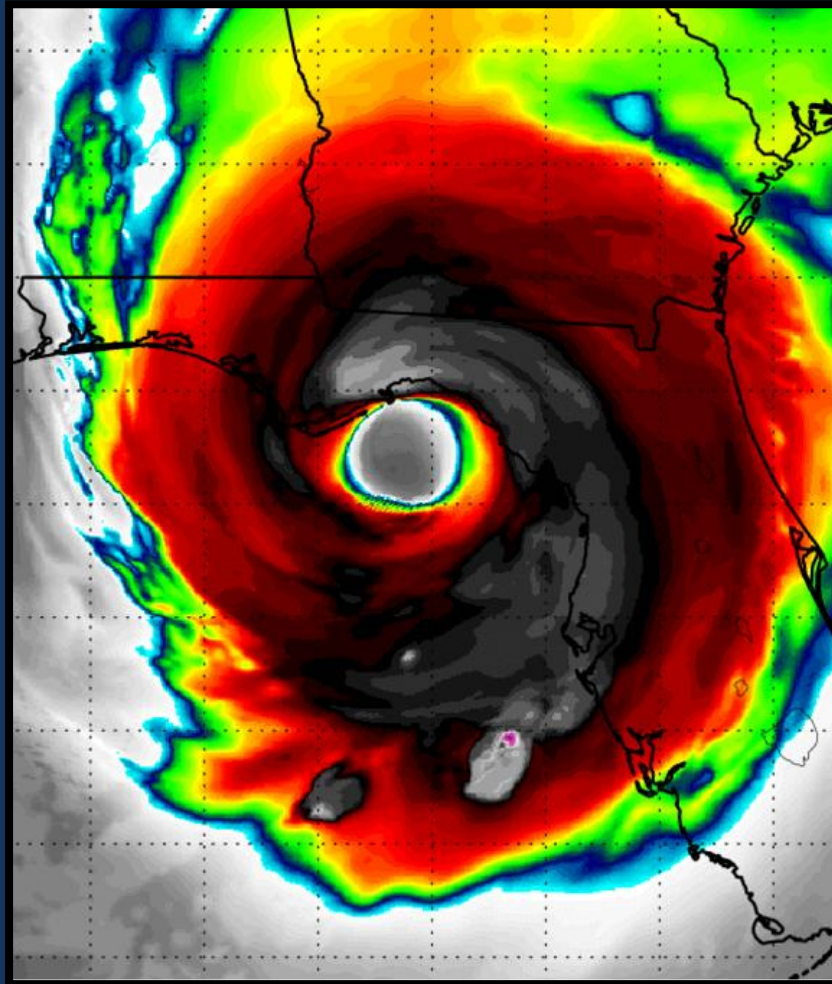




Jefferson County Disaster Preparedness Guide 2025



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We cannot stop disasters from happening, but we can ensure that communities are better prepared and more resilient.

Jefferson County Emergency Management

Sheriff Mac McNeill

"To the residents of Jefferson County: Hurricane season is upon us, and it's crucial that we prepare now. Ensure you have essential supplies—water, non-perishable food, blankets, and toiletries—ready in case of emergencies. Remember, our grocery stores and gas stations might not be accessible during severe storms. Your safety is our top priority, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office stands ready to support and protect our community through any challenges that may arise."



County Manager Shannon Metty

"To the residents of Jefferson County, know this: We stand with you. If a storm threatens, your county government is fully mobilized, prepared to serve, protect, and guide you every step of the way. But our strength comes from unity—please take time now to prepare your household and loved ones."

Together, we will weather the storm."



Emergency Management Director Kristy Anderson

"Our Emergency Operations Center is fully equipped and ready to respond to any emergencies that may arise. I encourage everyone to review their emergency plans, assemble disaster supply kits, and stay informed through official channels. By working together and staying prepared, we can ensure the safety and resilience of our community."



Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners

As your County Commissioners, our foremost priority is the safety and well-being of every member of our community. Living in Florida means we face unique challenges from hurricanes, tropical storms, and other natural disasters. Preparing ahead of time can make all the difference in protecting your family, your home, and your neighbors.

We urge all residents to take disaster preparedness seriously. Develop an emergency plan, assemble a disaster supply kit, stay informed through official channels, and know your evacuation routes. Being prepared not only saves lives but also helps our entire community recover faster after an event.

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Be Informed

- Sign up for Alerts: Alert Jefferson – <https://www.jcso-fl.org/alerts/>
- Monitor local news (WCTV, WTXL, NOAA Radio, etc.) and social media

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The Jefferson County Board of County Commission is excited to announce the release of a custom smartphone application. This app will serve as a new way for the county to connect with residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The app is available to download for free in the App Store and Google Play. Search "Jefferson County Board, FL" or [click here](#) to download.

For the latest updates, visit the Jefferson County Emergency Management Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCountyEM>.

Build a Disaster Supply Kit

- Water (1 gallon per person/day)
- Non-perishable food, Flashlights, Batteries
- Manual can opener, First-aid kit, Medications
- Important documents, Cell phone chargers, and Cash
- Baby and pet supplies, Hygiene items

Build A Kit

Have enough food, water and other supplies to support your needs for several days.





Make a Family Plan

- Know your evacuation zone: floridadisaster.org/Know
- Plan two evacuation routes
- Choose a family contact out of the area
- Plan for pets (not all shelters accept them)

Strengthen Your Home

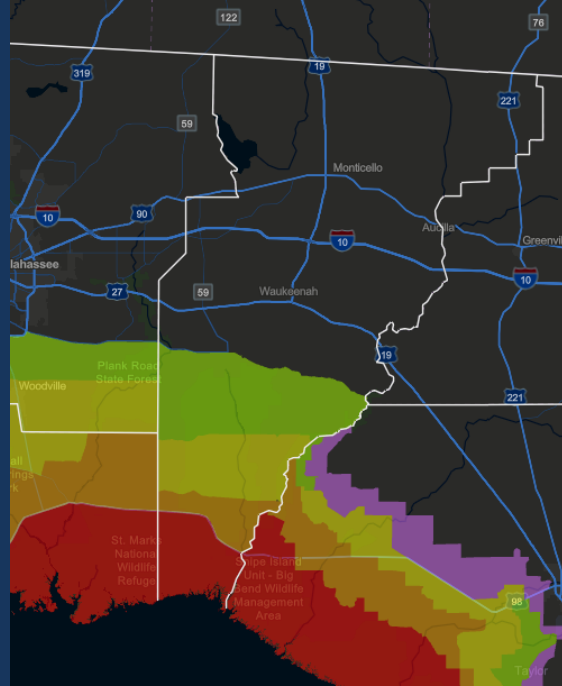
- Trim trees, clear debris, and gutters
- Board up windows or install storm shutters
- Secure outdoor items and fuel tanks

 DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST 		
General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies <input type="checkbox"/> A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights <i>Do not use candles</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA Weather Radio <i>Battery operated or hand cranked</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <i>Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone chargers <input type="checkbox"/> Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children 	First Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile gauze pads <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic adhesive tape <input type="checkbox"/> Triangular bandages <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing needle <input type="checkbox"/> Moistened towelettes <input type="checkbox"/> Antiseptic <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer <input type="checkbox"/> Tube of petroleum jelly <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins <input type="checkbox"/> Soap <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin or other pain reliever <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-diarrheal medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Antacid <input type="checkbox"/> Laxative <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton balls <input type="checkbox"/> Q-tips 	Important Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance cards <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records <input type="checkbox"/> Banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of social security cards <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Other personal documents <input type="checkbox"/> Set of car, house, and office keys <input type="checkbox"/> Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Will <p><i>*Items should be kept in a water proof container</i></p>
Phone Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a list of important phone numbers including: <i>County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family</i> 	Food and Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Food <i>Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Water <i>1 gallon per person per day</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electric can opener <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic cups <input type="checkbox"/> Utensils 	Vehicle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline
Clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves 		Pet Care Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water to last at least 7 days <input type="checkbox"/> Proper identification <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records/microchip information <input type="checkbox"/> A carrier or cage <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle and leash <input type="checkbox"/> Water and food bowls <input type="checkbox"/> Medications <input type="checkbox"/> Supplies for your service animal
Special Needs Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities 		Find more disaster preparedness tips at FloridaDisaster.org

Hurricane Evacuations in Jefferson County: What You Need to Know

1. Know Your Evacuation Zone

- Coastal and low-lying areas of Jefferson County fall into Zones A–D on storm surge maps.
- Inland residents should verify their risk via the statewide **Know Your Zone** tool floridadisaster.maps.arcgis.com.



2. When to Evacuate

- Evacuation orders are based on surge predictions.
- Jefferson County has previously issued mandatory evacuations for mobile homes, low-lying areas, RVs, and modular homes during storms like Hurricane Helene.

Evacuation Sheltering

County Shelter: Jefferson County K-12 50 David Road, Monticello, Florida

If you require a special needs sheltering that provides essential care for individuals requiring support beyond what general shelters offer, please register at: <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/>. Currently, Jefferson County does not provide this sheltering, but many surrounding counties do.



Generator & Power Safety

Portable generators are internal combustion engines that generate electricity. They are useful when temporary or remote power is needed and are commonly used during cleanup and recovery following disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. This fact sheet discusses specific hazards inherent in the use of generators and also provides helpful information to ensure that workers and others using such equipment remain safe.



Jefferson County CERT

CERT is a national program that trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. These volunteers are priceless, assisting first responders and the community before, during, and after disasters. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call 850-408-0908.



Common Hazards in Jefferson County

☁ Flooding

Prepare:

- Know if you're in a flood zone
 - Get flood insurance
 - Don't drive through water – **"Turn Around, Don't Drown"**
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🔥 Wildfires

Prepare:

- Clear brush around your home
 - Follow burn bans
 - Have a go-bag ready to evacuate
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⚡ Severe Storms & Tornadoes

Prepare:

- Have a NOAA weather radio
 - Identify a safe room (interior, no windows)
 - Stay inside during storms
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Weather STEM Units in Jefferson County

Weather Stem delivers real-time weather data, forecasting, and emergency tools to help communities, schools, and businesses stay safe. Jefferson County has five units: Aucilla Christian, Jefferson K-12, Jefferson County Emergency Management, Lloyd Fire Station, and Wacissa Springs. To view, please visit <https://jefferson.weatherstem.com/>.

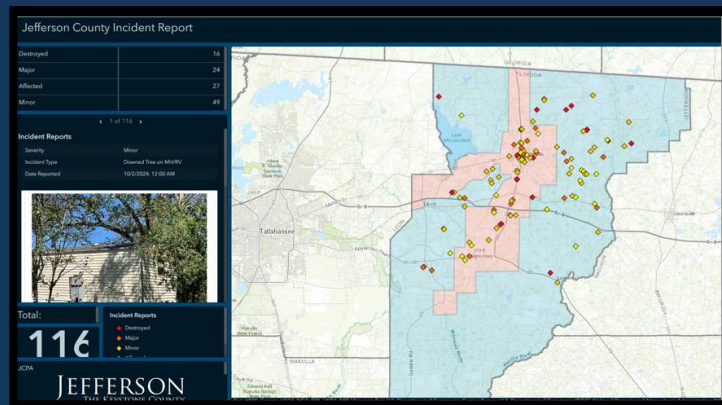


Reporting Damages

The Jefferson County Property Appraiser's Office has launched a new **Self-Reporting Damage Portal** to assist residents in quickly reporting property damage following a natural disaster or emergency. This online tool is designed to improve the county's ability to assess impacts efficiently and help residents begin the recovery process sooner. To access the Self-Reporting Damage Portal, visit the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's website at

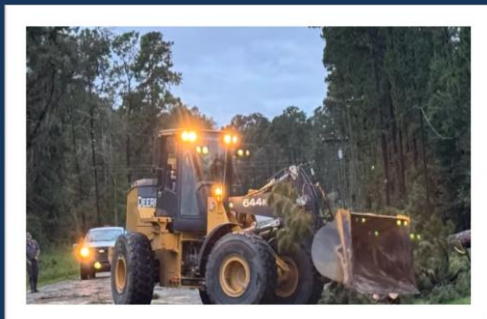
<https://jeffersonpa.net/>. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's Office at (850) 997-3356.

Stay safe. Stay informed. And help us help you rebuild.



Downed Power Lines

- Assume all downed power lines are energized.
- Do not touch downed power lines.
- Contact your utility provider to report downed power lines. See page 11 for contact information.



Important Numbers

- 📞 Emergency: 911
- 📞 Emergency Management: 850-342-0211
- 📞 Sheriff's Office: 850-997-2523
- 📞 Health Department: 850-342-0170
- 📞 City of Monticello: 850-342-0153
- 📞 City of Monticello Police: 850-342-0150
- 📞 Duke Energy: 800-769-3766
- 📞 Tri-County Electric: 800-999-2285
- 📞 Red Cross: 800-733-2767
- 📞 FEMA: 800-621-3362
- 📞 Jefferson County Office: 850-342-0223
- 📞 Jefferson County Road Department: 850-997-2036
- 📞 Jefferson County Fire & Rescue: 850-342-0182
- 📞 Local Resources: 211
- 📞 FEMA Disaster Assistance: 800-621-3362
- 📞 Veterans Disaster Assistance: 800-827-1000
- 📞 Social Security Administration: 800-772-1213
- 📞 Disaster Distress Hotline: 800-985-5990

For any other questions or suggestions related to preparedness, response, or recovery, please get in touch with our office at:

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