

HURRICANE ALERT



Disaster Preparedness

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Tropical Storm Fay is forecast to move through Florida over the next few days and eventually bring heavy rain and wind to the Carolinas by mid- to late week. Residents along Florida's West Coast should be prepared for tropical storm and possibly hurricane conditions within the next day or two, and be prepared to evacuate if local officials recommend it. Residents all across the Florida Peninsula should be prepared for gusty winds and heavy rain through midweek, regardless of where Fay makes landfall.

A hurricane watch is in effect for the Florida Keys (including the Dry Tortugas and Florida Bay), mainland Florida from Card Sound Bridge westward to Tarpon Springs (including the metro Tampa area), and in Cuba from the provinces of La Habana and Ciudad de la Habana east to Sancti Spiritus. A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.

Craig Fugate, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, states “This is the time to make sure all of your emergency plans are in place and you have the supplies you need to keep your family safe.” Residents in these areas should closely monitor this storm and tune in to local media outlets for the most current information and guidance from local officials. All Floridians should review their emergency plans and be prepared to take action if required by local officials.

The State is prepared to assist counties with potential protective actions and evacuations, if necessary. Governor Charlie Crist signed Executive Order 08-170, freeing up the State’s resources to respond to the Tropical Storm. The State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee is activated and monitoring the storm.

FAHSA Emergency Staff Contact Numbers

Janegale Boyd, FAHSA's President/CEO
Phone: 850-671-3700 ext. 112, or Cell phone at: 850-294-3412

Carol Berkowitz/Sr. Director of Regulations and Compliance
Phone: 850-671-3700 ext. 109 or Cell phone at: 850-294-3391

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Phone: 850-671-3700 ext. 108 or Cell phone at: 850-294-3415

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Related Information – Emergency Status System

At the request of the State Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Special Function-8 (Health and Medical), the Agency for Health Care Administration has opened an event in the Emergency Status System (ESS) for the potential Florida impact from Tropical Storm Fay. Health care provider users are asked to utilize ESS to record available beds and any damage experienced as a result of the storm, including power outages.

Please access ESS at this time to:

Check your facility information in ESS to assure accuracy of emergency contacts and power/utility information - including all generator details.

Enter census and bed availability information into ESS.

Enter emergency information if your facility is affected by the storm.

Become familiar with the features of ESS and access the online Help Manual.

State Agency Partners, Provider Association Partners, and Affiliate users (corporate representatives) may access ESS to view information about related providers and available reports.

Please refer to the Florida Division of Emergency Management website for tropical weather updates at: <http://floridadisaster.org/index.asp>.

If you are in need of assistance due to an emergency, your first point of contact is the local emergency management agency. Find your county contact at: http://www.floridadisaster.org/County_EM/county_list.htm.

Emergency Status System (ESS) link: <http://ess.myflorida.com/>

If you have questions regarding the use of ESS or your user account, please contact the appropriate Agency for Health Care Administration licensure unit during normal business hours:

Hospital Unit (850) 487-2717 for Hospitals, Crisis Stabilization Units, Residential Treatment Facilities and Residential Treatment Centers for Children

Long Term Care Unit (850) 488-5861 for Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled, Transitional Living Facilities, State Agency Partners

Assisted Living Unit (850) 487-2515 for Assisted Living Facilities and Adult Family Care Homes

Home Care Unit (850) 414-6010 for Inpatient and Residential Hospices

Laboratory Unit (850) 487-3109 for End Stage Renal Disease facilities

If the local emergency management agency is unable to provide needed assistance, providers may call the AHCA licensure unit (above) or for after hours emergency assistance the AHCA desk at the State Emergency Operation Center at (850) 410-1822 (EOC phone number is only functional when designated by EOC activation; the EOC has NOT been activated as of Saturday, August 16).

Important Considerations for Preparation

1. Keep adequate supplies for the changes in weather conditions and rotate your supply of perishable items and batteries.
2. Have a list of two or more suppliers for things you may need just before or after disaster strikes.
3. If operations need to be transferred to another location, have a temporary staff housing facility in mind, if necessary.
4. Be aware of the resources and services available in the community— particularly who coordinates disaster action plans and how and where they do it.
5. If your organization’s programs or resources include the ability to assist others in need, have an outline of what you can do to help others in the event of hurricanes, fire, floods, etc.
6. Be prepared to take care of staff and their family.
7. Resident identification -- Consider using an arm bracelet identification to inform other caregivers of special diets and special needs of residents.

Stay Informed

1. The Florida Division of Emergency Management has an excellent Web page at <http://floridadisaster.org/index.asp> with up-to-the minute situation reports, satellite imagery of storm paths, and links to other weather-related Web pages.
2. The Department of Community Affairs has a Web site that is continually updated during a disaster – <http://www.floridadisaster.org>

Suggested Disaster Checklist

- A supply of bottled water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of nonperishable, high-energy packaged foods and canned foods (at least a seven-day supply). **Also:** Other foods that don’t require cooking and are good in emergencies: granola bars, cereal (with powdered milk), nuts (if they are in airtight packages).

- Water purification tablets (halazone)
- A manual can opener and utility knife
- Disposable plates, cups, utensils and paper towels
- A change of clothing, rain gear, sturdy shoes, hat and gloves
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- A first-aid kit and prescription medications (a two-week supply) and vitamins
- Map of area
- A battery-powered radio, 2-inch to 5-inch TV, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- Credit cards, cash and traveler's checks
- An extra set of car keys
- An extra flashlight
- A list of family physicians
- A list of important family information, such as the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers
- Photo I.D. with address, family records, medical records, insurance policies and warranties
- Special items for elderly, disabled or infants — such as disposable diapers, powdered milk
- Booster cables for car
- Signal flare
- Compass
- Fire extinguisher (5 pound, A-B-C type)
- Waterproof matches
- Charcoal and lighter fluid
- Pet food and supplies
- Masking or duct tape
- Non-electric clock
- Ice chest and ice
- Lamp or lantern with fuel supply
- Portable outdoor camping stove or grill with fuel supply
- Plastic trash bags and sealable plastic bags of various sizes
- Plastic sheeting
- Chlorinated bleach and hand-washable clothes detergent
- Mosquito repellent
- Film and camera

- Hand-held or battery-operated fans
- Extra pots and plastic storage containers
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil
- Sunscreen
- Spare glasses and contact lens solution
- A list of phone numbers for family and friends
- Change for vending machines and pay phones
- For women, feminine hygiene products and birth control pills
- Retainers or orthodontic supplies for those with braces.
- A non-electric razor and shaving cream
- Toilet paper
- Cell phone and extra batteries

<i>COUNTY ESF8 AND EOC CONTACT NUMBERS</i> <i>(These contacts are to be used only during and immediately following a disaster)</i>	
<i>Alachua</i>	<i>(352) 264-6511 ESF8 Desk (352) 316-9547 Tom Belcoure voice mail (352) 258-4295 Tom Belcoure cell (352) 466-3870 Tom Belcoure Home (352) 374-5223 EOC</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>(904) 259-6111 ESF8 (904) 259-4767 ESF8 b/u (904) 812-6300 Cell (Vivian Crews) (904) 259-6111 EOC</i>
<i>Bay</i>	<i>(850) 784-4000 EOC (850) 784-4017 EOC</i>
<i>Bradford</i>	<i>(904) 966-6336 (352) 317-3976 cell (Jean Brennan) (904) 966-6336 EOC</i>
<i>Brevard</i>	<i>(321) 637-6675 ESF 8 Help Desk (321) 637-8505 ESF Help Desk (254) 460-6935 Dr. Heishmati-Satellite (254) 460-6937 Maria Stahl -Satellite (321) 426-5607 Maria Stahl-Cell (321) 637-6670 EOC</i>
<i>Broward</i>	<i>(954) 831-4004 ESF8 Help Desk (954) 831-3900 EOC</i>
<i>Calhoun</i>	<i>(850) 674-8075 EOC</i>
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>(941) 505-4643 ESF8 Help Desk (941) 505-4633 ESF8 Help Desk (941) 505-4620 EOC</i>
<i>Citrus</i>	<i>(352) 527-0068 ESF8 (352) 746-6555 EOC</i>

Clay	(904) 838-6788 Cell (Connie Wolfe) (904) 838-6788 Home (Connie Wolfe) (904) 284-7703 EOC
Collier	(239) 774-8544 ESF8
Columbia	(386) 758-1037 Work (Hugh Giebeig) (386) 752-0050 Home (Hugh Geibeig) (386) 365-8418 Cell (Hugh Giebeig) (386) 758-1126 EOC
De Soto	(863) 993-3655 ESF8
Dixie	(352) 498-1360 ESF8 (352) 214-1364 Cell (Sable Bolling) (352) 498-1240 EOC
Duval	(904) 630-3444 ESF8 (904) 630-7954 ESF8 (904) 630-2472 EOC
Escambia	(850) 595-6620 ESF8 (850) 576-3942 Cell (Lamar Dunn) (850) 595-3382 EOC (activated) (850) 595-3311 EOC (nonactivated)
Flagler	(904) 437-7381 EOC
Franklin	(850) 899-8977 Cell (Melanie Hutchins) (850) 653-8977 EOC & ESF8 (mainline)
Gadsden	(850) 875-8642 EOC & ESF8 (850) 251-5306 Cell (Ed Spooner)
Gilchrist	(352) 463-3198 ESF8 (352) 221-0474 Cell (Ron Mills) (352) 463-3198 EOC
Glades	(863) 946-6021 EM/EOC (863) 673-1836 Cell (Ken)
Gulf	(850) 229-9112 ESF8 (850) 229-9111 ESF8 (850) 229-9113 ESF8 (850) 229-9110 EOC
Hamilton	(904) 792-6647 EOC
Hardee	(863) 773-6373, ext 297 ESF8 (863) 773-6373 EOC
Hendry	(863) 675-5392 Hurricane Hotline (863) 612-4700 Emergency Mgmt
Hernando	(352) 754-1388 ESF8 (352) 754-1314 ESF8 (352) 754-4083 EOC
Highlands	(863) 385-1112 ext 4428 or 4429 (863) 381-6399 Cell phone (Bob)
Hillsborough	(813) 276-2350, ext 1427 ESF8 (813) 276-2385 EOC
Holmes	(850) 547-1112 EOC
Indian River	(772) 567-2154 EOC (772) 567-8000 Alternate
Jackson	(850) 718-0013 ESF8 (850) 718-8729 Cell (Beverly Hinson) (850) 482-9678 EOC
Jefferson	(850) 342-0211 ESF8 (850) 342-0211 EOC
Lafayette	(386) 294-1950 EOC

Lake	(352) 343-9442, ext 5006 or 5004- ESF8 (352) 516-4469 Cell (Roger Amon) (352) 516-4499 Cell (Russ Melling) (352) 516-4509 Cell (Dr. Pelosi) (352) 343-9442 EOC
Lee	(239) 470-8067 ESF8 (239) 447-3600 EOC mainline (24/7)
Leon	(850) 488-5921 EOC & ESF8
Levy	(352) 538-9956 ESF8 (352) 486-5213 EOC
Liberty	(850) 643-2339 EOC & ESF8 (850) 674-5641 Cell (David Odum)
Madison	(850) 973-3698 EOC
Miami-Dade	(305) 468-5400 mainline
Manatee	(941) 742-5740 ESF8 (941) 742-5734 ESF8 (941) 720-0991 Cell (John Burns) (941) 233-0577 Pager (John Burns) (941) 720-5241 Cell (Robin Keene) (941) 233-0578 Pager (Robin Keene) (941) 749-3022 EOC
Marion	(352) 369-6818 ESF8 (352) 622-3205 EOC
Martin	(772) 692-7335 ESF8 (772) 215-3249 Cell (Bob Washam) (772) 288-5694 EOC
Monroe	(305) 289-2656 ESF8 (305) 289-6018 EOC
Nassau	(904) 277-7281 ESF8 (904) 491-7550 EOC
Okaloosa	(850) 833-9240 ESF8 (850) 687-1210 Pager (Karen Chapman) (850) 651-7560 EOC
Okeechobee	(863) 763-3212 ESF8 (863) 462-5819-Mike Hill (Director)
Orange	(407) 672-1540 Mainline (407) 672-1538 ESF8 Help Desk (407) 650-4031, ext 225 Field Operations (321) 436-3128 Cell (Dave Freeman-CO) (407) 836-9140 EOC
Osceola	(407) 343-6822 ESF8 (407) 343-6869 ESF8 (407) 343-7000 EOC (407) 873- 6095 Cell (Ray Plummer)
Palm Beach	(561) 712-6743 ESF8 (561) 712-6742 ESF8 (561) 712-6744 ESF8 (561) 712-6745 ESF8 (561) 712-6400 EOC
Pasco	(727) 847-8948 ESF8 (727) 847-8137 EOC
Pinellas	(727) 824-6931 ESF8 (727) 464-4740 EOC
Polk	(863) 519-8963, ext 206 ESF8 (863) 534-5600 EOC

<i>Putnam</i>	<i>(386) 329-2588 ESF8 (386) 937-0350 Cell (Diana Gibson) (386) 329-0379 EOC</i>
<i>Santa Rosa</i>	<i>(850) 983-5360 EOC & ESF8 (850) 418-5566 Cell (Sam Williams) (850) 393-7353 Cell (James Chalmers)</i>
<i>Sarasota</i>	<i>(941) 861-5551 ESF8 (941) 861-5543 ESF8 (941) 951-5283 EOC</i>
<i>Seminole</i>	<i>(407) 665-2624 Mainline/ESF8</i>
<i>St. Johns</i>	<i>(904) 823-3138 ESF8 (904) 823-3139 ESF8 (904) 823-3140 ESF8 (904) 823-3141 ESF8 (904) 669-5658 Cell (Diana Coyle) (904) 824-5550 EOC</i>
<i>St. Lucie</i>	<i>(772) 462-1736 EOC & ESF8 (772) 370-2150 Cell (Jennie Lindell)</i>
<i>Sumter</i>	<i>(352) 569-6000 EOC (352) 793-5331 ESF8</i>
<i>Suwannee</i>	<i>(904) 364-3405 EOC</i>
<i>Taylor</i>	<i>(850) 838-3575 EOC & ESF8 (850) 223-2706 Cell (James Rachal)</i>
<i>Union</i>	<i>(904) 469-4330 EOC</i>
<i>Volusia</i>	<i>(386) 258-4088 EOC</i>
<i>Wakulla</i>	<i>(850) 926-0861 EOC (904) 926-0860 Alternate</i>
<i>Walton</i>	<i>(850) 892-8066 EOC</i>
<i>Washington</i>	<i>(850) 638-6203 EOC</i>

*For additional information, please click on the following Web site:
http://www.floridadisaster.org/County_EM/county_list.htm*