



The Leon County LINK

Hurricane Season is Here Do You Have a Plan?



The National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center predicts a very active 2007 hurricane season, and Leon County citizens need to be prepared. The first step is creating a plan. Leon County has worked diligently to make your planning easier than ever with a newly re-vamped hurricane survival guide

and user-friendly Web site. These tools are aimed to help you make that first, critical decision - whether to stay or go - based on individual risk factors. Visit www.HaveaHurricanePlan.com today to begin the first step in ensuring your family's safety this hurricane season. For more information, contact the Leon County Public Information Office at 606-5300.

Here are just a few examples of the useful tools you'll find on the Web site. For the comprehensive plan, go online or refer to your hurricane survival guide.

Guidelines to help you make the first decision:

Should I stay, or should I go?

The tools will guide you through the decision-making process and show you what steps you should take before the storm, as the storm approaches, and after the storm, including cleanup.



Survival Kit essentials, such as:

- 2-week supply of nonperishable foods
- 1-month supply of prescriptions
- Drinking water, 2 gallons per day, per person, for 2 weeks
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- NOAA weather radio
- Infant necessities



Resources Page linking to valuable information, such as:

- Evacuation Information
- Flood Information
- Home Health Care Patients and Elderly Residents
- Plan for Your Pets
- Sandbags
- Shelters
- Volunteer Information



Important Contacts, such as:

- Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross
- Leon County Emergency Management
- Leon County Public Information Office

Learn How to Respond to a Disaster

In a continuing effort to coordinate strong disaster response in Leon County, VolunteerLEON invites citizens to become a part of a growing team that volunteers at the Leon County Emergency Operation Center on the Citizens Information Line Team. Two additional trainings have been scheduled on Wednesday, June 6, and Wednesday, June 20, from 10 to 11 a.m.

If you work well under pressure, have good interpersonal skills, and like working with people, get involved with the Citizens Information Line Team. The Citizens Information Line Team ensures that the most current information is available to residents during times of emergency. For more information or to register, please contact Jeri Bush at 606-1975.

Mosquito Control and Summer Camp: A Natural Mix



The Leon County Division of Mosquito Control strives to provide effective and environmentally sound mosquito control for residents and visitors. Summer is here, and along with backyard cookouts and trips to the beach, children are eagerly awaiting the start of summer camps. Leon County Mosquito Control offers free educational sessions to both public and private summer camps.

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

These fun and engaging presentations include hands-on activities to teach children where mosquitoes come from, how they live, and what we can do about them. Offering group activities and individual learning opportunities, these sessions can be tailored to different interest groups and grades ranging from third through 12th. Camp supervisors are encouraged to contact Mosquito Control Community Education Coordinator Judy Gross at 606-2214 for more information or to schedule a presentation.

County Greenways Receive National Award

Visit Leon County's greenways, and don't forget your cameras. Leon County is hosting the second annual Summer Snapshot Greenway Photo Contest. Residents and visitors are encouraged to take photographs at a Leon County greenway and submit them to pio@leoncountyfl.gov by September 30.

Combined, the Miccosukee Canopy Road and J.R. Alford Greenways consist of more than 1,300 acres of open space, forest and woodlands. Leon County maintains more than 60 miles of nature trails that are used for biking, running, hiking and horseback riding.



Photo taken by Glenda Simmons at the J.R. Alford Greenway.

Leon County's greenways recently garnered national attention as Leon County Parks & Recreation received the 2007 National Association of County Parks & Recreation Officials' (NACPRO) Environmental and Conservation Award.

The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway is located at 5600 Miccosukee Road, and the J.R. Alford Greenway is located at 2500 South Pedrick Road. For more information and photo contest rules, contact Parks & Recreation at 606-1470.

Leon County Wants Your Household Hazardous Waste

If you have old paint or fertilizer lying around and don't know what to do with it, Leon County has the answer. Leon County operates the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program to manage waste that can't be disposed of with your regular trash. At the County's Solid Waste Management Facility, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, the HHW program has a permanent collection facility that operates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Solid Waste Management Division at 606-1800.

June 2007

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 4 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting**
3 p.m. City Hall, City Commission Chambers
- 18 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting**
3 p.m., City Hall, City Commission Chambers
- 26 Commission Meeting, 3 p.m., Public Hearings, 6 p.m.**
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 27 - July 3, Workshops on Tentative Budget, 9 a.m.,**
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

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