



2020 Storm Season Tips & Information

Preparation

- Attend an important Hurricane Preparedness seminar Monday, June 8 at 9:30 AM virtually as part of Coffee Talk. The seminar will be presented by Lake County Emergency Management.
- Hurricane and storm shutters must be approved by the Arlington Ridge HOA. Please complete an ACC application, available at the HOA Office in the Administration Building.
- Historically, Florida Legislature approves a tax holiday for hurricane preparation items such as generators, batteries, and flashlights. For 2020 the proposed dates are May 29 – June 4.
- Arlington Ridge is not in an evacuation zone and is not scheduled for evacuation during any storm.
- Consider a safe deposit box or waterproof safe for deeds, titles, stock certificates, wills, birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, divorce decrees, military and adoption records, credit card and bank account numbers, insurance policies, etc. Dishwashers can also act to safeguard documents during a storm.
- Review insurance coverage including extent of coverage, damage coverage, and deductibles; photograph, videotape or document your list of valuables for insurance.
- Trim trees to reduce the effects of wind and remove weak or dead branches.
- Stockpile enough water in clean, plastic containers to provide each person a gallon a day for a week.
- Store a week's supply of non-perishable food and be sure to include food for pets. Be sure to have a non-electric can opener on hand.
- Keep a first aid kit with bandages, antiseptic, pain medicine, anti-diarrhea medication, sunscreen, baby wipes, bug repellent, hand sanitizer and face masks.
- Have plastic tarps, a hammer, nails, towels, a mop, bucket, bleach, and plastic trash bags on hand.
- Have two coolers: one for ice, the other for perishable food.
- Consider a non-electric telephone that connects directly to a wall jack or a cellular phone for communication.
- Consider using battery powered tap lights as a light source in the event of power outage.
- Visit the official site for Florida emergency preparation at www.floridadisaster.org or www.alertlake.com to sign up for alerts and to learn more about planning and preparation.

There you can register your contact information for the Alert Lake telephone and email notification system. Lake County officials use this system to inform county residents of situations that may affect their health, safety, and welfare, including severe weather alerts.

If A Storm Threatens

- Know the difference between a hurricane watch and warning. A hurricane **watch** is issued when there is a threat within 24-36 hours. A hurricane **warning** is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours or less.
- Fill vehicles with gas and have cash on hand as well as enough prescription medication to last a week.
- Charge cell phones and wireless charging devices.
- Fill propane tanks for gas grills.
- Move garbage cans, furniture, bird feeders, potted plants, gas grill and lawn ornaments indoors.
- Helpful on-line resources
 - www.weather.gov
 - www.lakecountyfl.gov/emergency
 - www.facebook.com/LakeCountyFLEmergencyManagement

After A Storm

- Drive only when necessary and avoid flooded roads and standing water. Those that venture out can end up stranded and rescue crews may not be available. Traffic lights may not be functioning properly.
- In the event of damage: take photographs and make temporary/necessary repairs. Keep all receipts for repairs, temporary housing, and food. Contact insurance companies as soon as possible.
- Frozen Food Guidelines:
 - Discard frozen meat, casseroles, convenience foods, fish, baked goods and dairy if they have thawed and stood at 40 degrees for over two (2) hours. Discard frozen vegetables if they defrost and stand at 50 degrees for over eight (8) hours.
- Refrigerated Food Guidelines:
 - Discard milk, yogurt, cream products, meats, casseroles, leftovers, refrigerator baked goods, mayonnaise, tartar sauce, horseradish, eggs, soft cheese, cottage cheese, and cooked vegetables after they have stood above 40 degrees for over two (2) hours.
 - It is okay to keep butter, margarine, hard & processed cheese, breads, jelly, relish, ketchup, mustard, and fresh uncooked fruits and vegetables.
- There may be a boil water advisory issued from the City of Leesburg. Call city emergency management to check on the status of city water. If there is a boil water advisory, there are three (3) acceptable purification methods:
 - Bring water to a rolling boil for ten (10) minutes.
 - Add eight (8) drops of plain chlorine bleach per gallon of water and let stand for thirty (30) minutes.
 - Use water purification tablets per the directions on the label.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

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| • Lake County Emergency Management | 352-343-9420 |
| • Lake County Citizens Information Line (only active during a storm) | 352-253-9999 |
| • Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Helpline | 800-462-9029 |
| • SECO Energy | 800-732-6141 |
| • Duke Energy | 800-228-8485 |

Categories & Winds

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| • Tropical Storm: 39 - 73 mph | • Category 3: 111- 129 mph |
| • Category 1: 74 - 95 mph | • Category 4: 130 - 156 mph |
| • Category 2: 96 -110 mph | • Category 5: 157+ mph |

Names for Tropical Storms 2020

Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo, Hanna, Isaias, Josephine, Kyle, Laura, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paulette, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky and Wilfred

These tips are compiled from many different resources. If you have any suggestions or corrections, please contact the Administration Office at 352-728-2186 or resident@arlingtonridgecdd.org