

GNV Hurricane Season

Prepare and
Weather the Storm

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City of
Gainesville

Emergency Contact Information for Gainesville, FL

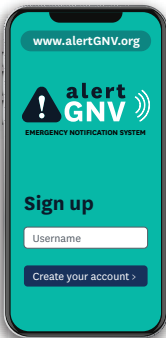
Always call 911 if there is a life-threatening emergency.

myGNV.org	Report issues online or via the myGNV app
Alachua County Rumor Control Line	352-264-6557
Local Emergency Information	311 (only when activated)
Special Needs Registry	352-264-6500
Alachua County Emergency Management	352-264-6500 acem@alachuacounty.us
Alachua County Sheriff's Office	352-955-1818 (non-emergency)
Gainesville Emergency Management	352-334-5078 (non-emergency)
Gainesville Police Department	352-955-1818 (non-emergency)
Gainesville Fire Rescue	352-334-5078 (non-emergency)
Public Works (downed trees, blocked roads, flooding, sandbags)	352-393-8161 pubwrk@gainesvillefl.gov
Debris Removal (Solid Waste)	352-334-2330
GRU Customer Service	352-334-3434
Power Outages, Emergencies and Downed Power Lines	352-334-2871
Natural Gas Service Emergencies	352-334-2550
RTS (Regional Transit System)	352-334-2600
Water and Wastewater Service Emergencies	352-334-2711
Red Cross (North Central Florida Chapter)	352-376-4669
Alachua County Animal Services	352-264-6870

Prepare Before Hurricane Season



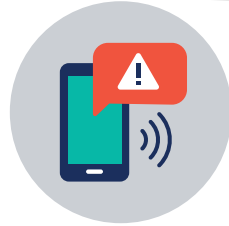
Make a plan



Sign up for emergency notifications at alertgnv.org.



Build a kit



Be informed

- Make an emergency plan for your family and for your pets. Know when you need to evacuate and where to go.
- Make a family communication plan. Have a list of emergency contacts in your cell phone and near your landline. Choose a central contact person not in the storm's path.
- Build an emergency supply kit with supplies to last at least seven days for everyone in your household (see inside for details).
- Know your evacuation zone: FloridaDisaster.org/know
- Understand the risks to your home, such as flooding, wind and wildfires. Be aware of those in your household who may need extra care, such as elderly family members, young children and persons with disabilities.



High Wind Safety Rules

- The safest place is indoors.
- If outdoors, take cover next to a building or under shelter.
- Call for help if power lines are down.
- If you are driving, slow down and keep your hands on the wheel.



Emergency Plan

From FloridaDisaster.org/family-plan/

Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these four questions with your family, friends or household to start your emergency plan.

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my family/household communication plan?

Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

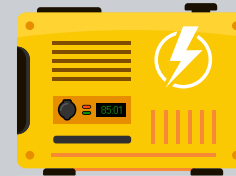
Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people can assist each other.

Step 3: Create an Emergency Plan

Want help? Fill out the form at Ready.gov/plan-form. It will generate a pdf with your information that you can save, email to yourself and print. Find a communications plan template at FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare.

Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household.

Generator Safety



If you own a generator, be sure to know how to safely use it.

- Before using, read the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never place a generator inside your home or garage; place it 20-feet from your home.
- Do not direct wire a generator to your home.

Take a photo of the list on the back of this so you always have emergency contacts handy!

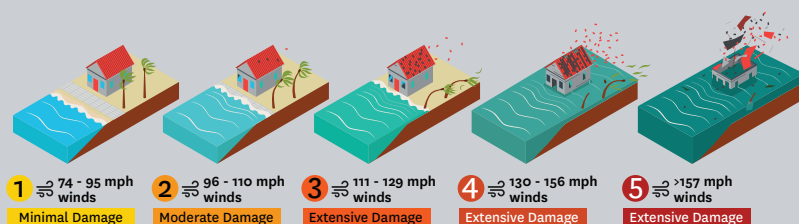
When a Hurricane Watch is Issued



A **hurricane watch** means that hurricane conditions are **possible**.

- Keep up-to-date on storm information with the National Weather Service or the National Hurricane Center; listening to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio; or watching local TV stations.
- Bring in anything from the outside that can be picked up by the wind like decorations, trash cans and furniture.
- Cover all windows of your home. Secure storm shutters or use plywood. Do not tape windows; tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Recheck tie-downs on manufactured home.

Hurricane Categories



Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

When a Hurricane Warning is Issued



A **hurricane warning** means that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of over 74 mph) are **expected**.

- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, complete preparation activities.
- Stay indoors, away from windows. Do not go out as the storm's eye passes over.
- Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio or local media. If a tornado watch or warning is issued, go to the innermost hallway on the lowest floor of your home or office, or use a bathroom or closet for shelter.



After a Hurricane



- Follow the instructions of local public safety officials. Stay informed with updates on **SafeGNV.org**.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for instructions.
- If you evacuated, return home when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Inspect your home for damage.
- Use flashlights in the dark; do not use candles.
- Check on your elderly and mobility-challenged neighbors.



- Avoid floodwaters; never drive, swim or walk through them as they may contain raw sewage, debris or other pollutants.
- If you come upon a flooded road, turn around. If you are on a flooded road with rising water, get out of the car and climb to higher ground. Turn around, don't drown.

GRU Storm Central

GRU.com/StormCentral

Visit Gainesville Regional Utilities' Storm Central for a GRU outage map and other resources.

Numbers for utility emergencies

Power outages/downed lines	352-334-2871
Natural Gas Emergencies	352-334-2550
Water/Wastewater Emergencies	352-334-2711
GRU Customer Service	352-334-3434

Emergency Supply Kit



- Nonperishable food and water to last a week. One gallon of water per person or pet per day. Include items you may need like a non-electric can opener and disposable plates and utensils.

Tip: You can fill empty bottles instead of buying bottled water.

- A two-week supply of family and pet medications and supplies. Think of medical supplies you regularly use as well as first aid supplies.
- Spare car keys and a full tank of gas
- Cell phones, chargers and spare batteries
- Cash (Banks and ATMs may not be available during a storm)
- Battery-operated emergency radio
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Rain gear
- Hygiene items such as soap, hand sanitizer, wipes, toilet paper, menstrual products, dust masks and diapers
- Important documents: IDs, bank numbers, insurance policies, homeownership or lease documentation, prescription information, important phone numbers and local maps. Make copies of your important documents and emergency plan and keep them in a weatherproof container.

Find a printable checklist at [FloridaDisaster.org](https://www.floridadisaster.org) and more info at [Ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit).



Emergency Shelters

If there is an impending hurricane, shelter information will be available by calling **311**, listening to local media (TV and radio), and at [SafeGNV.org](https://www.SafeGNV.org). Note, not all shelters open during every storm.

Special Needs


Those who have special needs should enroll in Alachua County's Special Needs Registry. The county will arrange for transportation and shelter for those who are enrolled in the registry. To enroll, fill out a form online at gainesvillefl.gov/SpecialNeedsRegistry. For more information or to update your registration, call **352-264-6500**.

Local Information Online

Gainesville Emergency Management

[SafeGNV.org](https://www.SafeGNV.org)

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Alachua County Emergency

[AlachuaCountyReady.com](https://www.AlachuaCountyReady.com)



More Resources

[FloridaDisaster.org](https://www.FloridaDisaster.org)

[Ready.gov](https://www.Ready.gov)

[NOAA.gov/hurricane-prep](https://www.NOAA.gov/hurricane-prep)