

COMMUNITY OF BOUCHELLE ISLAND

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOMMENDATIONS

With the approach of the Atlantic hurricane season each June, the Florida Division of Emergency Management encourages the public to take precautions well in advance of storms, rather than waiting until the last minute. After recent destruction and loss of life left by Matthew and Irma, no one should take the hurricane season lightly and both hurricanes demonstrated that the predicted tracks can vary unexpectedly.

The risks to life and property from weather emergencies (tropical storms, hurricanes, tornados and related local flooding) can be reduced by understanding and preparing to deal with them. Here are key areas to consider:

Create a disaster plan to include:

- * Supply kit checklist
- * Plan for evacuation
- * Issues related to pets
- * Steps to safeguard your property*
- * Info on emergency shelters in the area and neighboring counties
- * Phone numbers for emergency services*
- * Individuals with Special Needs are encouraged to register with County Emergency Services if they require special transport or shelter services: <https://snr.floridadisaster.org/Signin?client=volusia>

The CSA strongly recommends that all Bouchelle residents visit the County web-site:

<https://www.volusia.org/services/public-protection/emergency-management/before-a-disaster/>

* Volusia County Division of Emergency Management has created a very comprehensive series of written presentations that explore each of the topics above in detail. Also, they have compiled a 25 minute disaster preparedness video covering all the major issues.

*If you cannot access the County web-site, contact the CSA office to obtain copies of any written presentations referenced above.

Emergency Contacts and Web Links

Volusia County Hotline:
(866) 345-0345

New Smyrna Beach:
(386) 424-2113 or (386) 424-2114

Volusia County Emergency Management:
www.volusia.org/services/public-protection/emergency-management/

State of Florida Special Needs Registry: Volusia County
<https://snr.floridadisaster.org/Signin?client=volusia>

National Hurricane Center:
www.nhc.noaa.gov

National Weather Service:
www.weather.gov

FEMA:
www.fema.gov

New Smyrna Beach:
www.cityofnsb.com

Sandbags – For those who wish to secure their first floor entries; sand, sandbags and shovels will be available at the rear of the Fitness Center/Maintenance Building (399 Bouchelle Dr.) for do-it-yourself fill and haul. CSA staff will not be available to assist.