



Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency

Baldwin County Commission

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BALDWIN COUNTY MEDIA ALERT RECOVERY UPDATE #2

BALDWIN COUNTY, AL, (Sept. 20, 2020) – Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) asks for the media’s help in sharing the following new information. Please note previously issued – and still accurate – information is after the line break below:

- **Daily EMA updates**

- Baldwin County EMA is doing twice daily live updates via Facebook Live at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The video is recorded and available on the EMA [Facebook](#) page at [@BaldwinCountyEMA](#).
- Follow active updates from Baldwin EMA on our other social media channels – [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) ([@BaldwinEMA](#)).
- Important information is also available on the Baldwin County website (www.baldwincountyal.gov) and on the Baldwin EMA app that is free to download on your mobile device.

- **Cleanup Assistance Hotline**

Residents needing help removing trees and debris should call the Crisis Cleanup Hotline at 1-800-451-1954. Volunteer groups coming to the county will work from needs documented in this database.

- **Curfew**

- Curfew for the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County has been adjusted to 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Curfew for Spanish Fort is 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Curfew for all other cities remains as 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

- **Donations and Volunteers**

- Individuals wanting to support Baldwin County residents recovering from Hurricane Sally are encouraged to use the official local United Way Hurricane Sally Relief Fund at www.unitedway-bc.org.

- Volunteer Registration Centers (VRC) are being set up in the area for individuals and groups wanting to assist with cleanup and repairs. Baldwin EMA strongly recommends registering so that all community needs can be met. There is currently a VRC located at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex at 19025 Oak Rd West (County Rd. 6). Other locations will be announced in coming days.

- **FEMA Disaster Assistance**

FEMA has issued a disaster declaration for Baldwin, Escambia and Mobile counties as well as the Porch Band of Creek Indians. To file a claim for assistance, you must first register with FEMA in one of the following ways:

1. Call 1-800-621-3362 (TTY# 1-800-462-7585)
2. Register online at www.disasterassistance.gov
3. Download the FEMA app on your mobile device and register using the app.

- **Garbage Dropoff and Pickup**

- Baldwin County Solid Waste has scheduled staging sites this week throughout the south end of the county for residents to drop off household garbage.
- This is anything that would normally go in their green county garbage cart, and will not accept vegetation, white goods, or construction and demolition material.
- If you are cleaning out the refrigerator or freezer, products for disposal must be bagged in garbage bags. Unbagged items will not be accepted at these drop off locations.
- Citizens with questions should call Baldwin County Solid Waste at 251-972-6878.
- Schedule for locations:

Monday

Baldwin Co Central Annex
22251 Palmer St.
Robertsdale, AL 36567
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Elsanor Community Center
23741 US Hwy 90
Robertsdale, AL 36567
Hours: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Lillian Boat Launch and Park
12408 7th St.
Lillian, AL 36549
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fire Department
4690 County Road 6
Gulf Shores, AL 36542
Hours: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

3 Circle Church

10274 Hwy. 104
Fairhope, AL 36532
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Barnwell Ballpark
7388 Martin Lane
Fairhope, AL 36532
Hours: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday

Perdido Beach Fire Dept.
8450 Escambia Ave.
Perdido Beach, AL 36530
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Old Foley Highway Barn
1013 N. Juniper St
Foley, AL 36535
Hours: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- **Points of Distribution – bottled water, MREs, tarps**

Baldwin County EMA currently has 11 Points of Distribution (PODs) set up across the county providing emergency supplies to residents. The National Guard is at each location to assist with the distribution. Supplies shipped to each community are based on 2010 Census population. The 11 locations are:

Bay Minette

First Baptist Church Bay Minette
1201 Hand Ave.
Bay Minette, AL
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Elberta

Elberta Fire Department
13125 Chicago St.
Elberta, AL
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fairhope

Volanta Park
523 Volanta Ave.
Fairhope, AL
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Foley

Foley Soccer Complex
18507 US Hwy. 98
Foley, AL

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gulf Shores

Gulf Shores Sportsplex
19025 Oak Rd West (County Rd. 6)
Gulf Shores, AL

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: The City of Gulf Shores has set up an additional location on the island at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church on Hwy. 59

Lillian

Lillian Community Club
34148 Widell Ave.
Lillian, AL

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Orange Beach

Christian Life – The Island Church
25550 Canal Rd.
Orange Beach

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Perdido Beach

Perdido Beach Fire Department
8450 Escambia Ave.
Perdido Beach, AL

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Robertsdale

South Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Rd.
Robertsdale, AL

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Seminole

Seminole Fire Department Station 22
32268 Hwy. 90
Seminole, AL

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Summerdale

502 West Lee Ave.
Summerdale, AL

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **Shelters**
 - The Baldwin County Coliseum located in Robertsdale is open as an overnight shelter with security and medical personnel until Wednesday, Sept. 23. The Red Cross will transition shelter residents to another Red Cross shelters in the area. The Coliseum is still an electrical support location for people needing power for essential medical equipment.
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Previously issued information that is still accurate:

- **Courts**
 - Baldwin County Courthouses are closed through Wednesday, Sept. 23.
 - All jury trials scheduled through the end of September are cancelled, per Judge J. Clark Stankoski, Presiding Circuit Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit.
- **Debris Cleanup**
 - Baldwin County is under a burn ban until October 31. Residents clearing yard debris should not burn because outdoor burning can get out of control very quickly, and water pressure issues caused by Hurricane Sally can reduce water flow at fire hydrants.
 - Yard and home debris should be sorted properly and placed by the road.
 - Sort your piles into appropriate types such as vegetative/tree limbs, construction & demolition (C&D), white goods (appliances and furniture), hazardous (paint/chemicals/poisons) piled at the edge of your property along the street. Click here for a [debris sorting chart](#).
 - Do not put your debris piles under power lines, block fire hydrants, or impede traffic.
 - Do not bag your debris. Cleanup crews will only pick up loose debris.
 - Debris cleanup crews have been deployed and will only pick up debris along your street that has been sorted. (see attached Infographic)
- **Food Safety**
 - Power outages associated with hurricane storm force winds can cause concerns about the safety of frozen and refrigerated foods. As a general rule, a full upright or chest freezer will keep foods frozen for about two days without power.
 - A partially full freezer will keep foods frozen for about one day. This time may be extended by keeping the door shut. A refrigerator will keep foods cool for four to six hours if the door is kept closed as much as possible.
 - Any thawed foods that have been at room temperature for more than two hours should be discarded. Foods still containing ice crystals can be refrozen, although the quality of the food may decrease. Foods that have thawed to refrigerator temperatures (that is, no more than 40 degrees Fahrenheit) can also be cooked and then refrozen.
 - Additional resources (including infographics):
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/keep-food-safe-after-emergency.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/food-safety-during-a-power-outage.html>

- <https://www.fda.gov/food/buy-store-serve-safe-food/food-and-water-safety-during-power-outages-and-floods>
- <https://www.fda.gov/media/72124/download>

- **Generator Safety**

- While the use of a generator can help you get on the road to recovery, it can also pose danger to your health and safety if not used correctly – especially carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire.
- Generators should not be operated indoors, should be set at least 20 feet from any structure, and should not be used in rain or wet conditions. (see attached info sheets for more detailed guidance on how to safely operate a generator).

- **Power Restoration**

- Power crews are working 24 hours to get electricity restored across the county.
- More than 11,700 customers had power restored on Friday, Sept. 16, with just over 65,000 customers still without power.
- It is very important that people remember there is an extremely high fire risk to houses that have been flooded when the power gets turned back on.

- **Price Gauging/Scams**

- Baldwin EMA is already hearing reports of price gauging for tree removal services and other home repairs.
- Legitimate contractors must have a business license for each city and county in which they are operating. Ask to see proof of this license as well as bonding and insurance.
- Always get an estimate in writing before any work is done.
- DO NOT pay cash for work nor for advanced deposits. Always pay by check or credit card so you have a record of the transaction.

Additional information on post-storm safety is available on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/be-safe-after.html>.

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