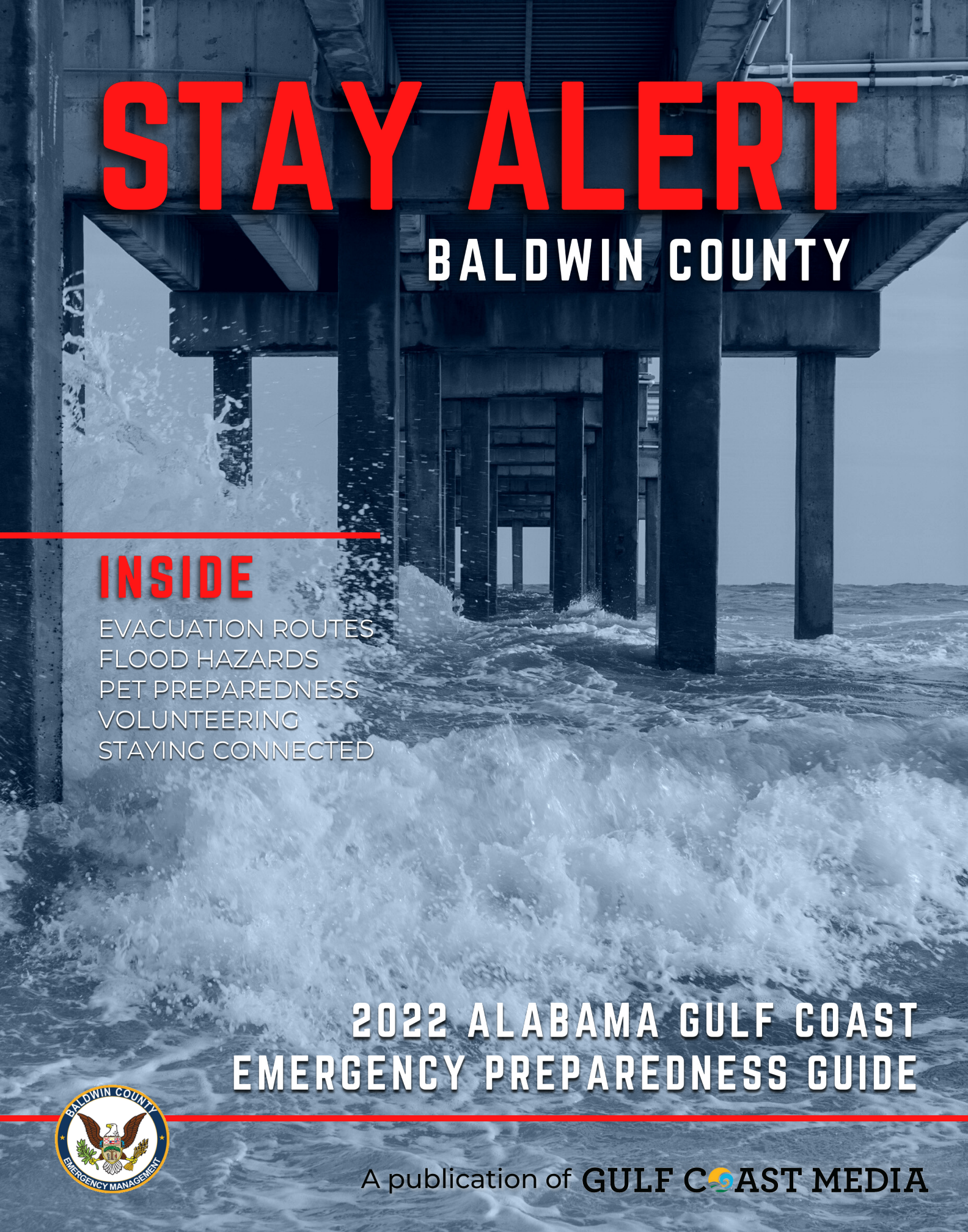


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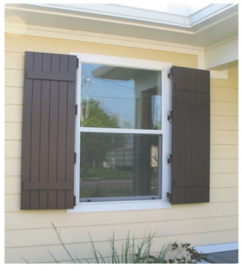
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WELCOME FROM THE BALDWIN COUNTY EMA

Welcome to the 2022 edition and inaugural copy of *Stay Alert Baldwin*. The Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) is very grateful for the opportunity to partner with Gulf Coast Media to assist in making this publication a resource for our community. It is designed to guide you along the way to preparedness in one of the most beautiful areas within the continental United States. The overarching goal of the guide is to be easy to read, perhaps learn something you did not know, and to encourage all to be prepared as we enjoy the best of what Alabama has to offer.

Growing up and living in Alabama my entire life, I can describe in detail three different disasters that have had an everlasting impact on me as I sit here in this very moment. You may be interested in the fact that they are not all related to weather. The first memory I have is sheltering for a tornado still known today as "April's Fury," the second is the attacks on the World Trade Center, and the third are the tornadoes that occurred throughout the state on April 27, 2011. The three events described are the very reason why I am so passionate about building a long-lasting relationship with you. From time to time we are afforded the opportunity to attend various functions in our local area. During the event you will find us discussing BCEMA, linking individuals to various resources about emergency preparedness, and listening to how we can best be of service to the families and individuals in our area. Before long, you will recognize that a group of individuals who do not know each other are sharing something we all have in common: we have a story to tell about weather.

Most days in our area are beautiful. Year after year we experience some of the best festivals, most beautiful beaches, and a thriving environment where people want to stay, live, and work. Baldwin County and Mobile County are the only two counties in Alabama located along the Gulf Coast. We are also home to the second largest delta system in the world. There is something for everyone.

Day to day we find ourselves supporting our families, contributing to our communities, and enjoying the diversity of our natural resources. With such a prosperous environment, when do we find time to learn, prepare, and plan for severe weather? Please think about that for a moment.

Truth be told, we only want to discuss weather when we want to tell our story. My encouragement for you is to tell your story more. Share your story with family, community organizations, civic associations, and to whoever may listen. Remember, your story may save someone's life, property, and most importantly encourage them to do something differently to plan, prepare, and protect what is near and dear to us all.



Tell your story more. There is great value in your story and if you don't know where to share – we will point you in the right direction at the end of this article. There is passion in your story. There is power in how it is told. There is no way to ever know the difference you will make in someone's life.

Please follow us on social media and sign up for emergency alerts from BCEMA at AlertBaldwin.com. Connecting individuals with the right resource during the right time by using your story is a way we can all work together. Do you have a story to tell? We'd love to hear from you! Thank you for your influence in our communities and remember to Stay Alert Baldwin.

Zach Hood
Director, Baldwin County EMA

As a retiree from the Alabama National Guard, I fully understand the value of preparing for disasters and building resilience in communities. As the new Deputy Director of the Baldwin County EMA, I feel it is critical that all our residents, visitors, organizations, and businesses have a plan, stay informed, and prepare for the worst, all while hoping for the best. However, as many have said before, "hope is not a method."

My family and I have been residents of Baldwin County since 2016 when I was assigned to Ft. Whiting in Mobile, and we immediately determined that this is where we would finally put down roots. When I was promoted to colonel and reassigned to Montgomery, I chose to commute rather than relocate, as we truly love Baldwin County's people, culture, and landscape.

My last six years in uniform were largely — and for the last three, exclusively — dedicated to the niche task of providing Alabama National Guard support to civil authorities. While stationed in Mobile, I worked closely with Alabama's coastal counties and the tropical weather threat, and this provided me with the opportunity to collaborate with partners in Baldwin County and to become more familiar with the area's unique character. In my final position as the Director of Military Support for Alabama, my statewide responsibility provided me an even greater appreciation for preparedness and resilience. In 2020, the Alabama National Guard activated for COVID-19 relief, two hurricanes, and several civil support operations. During that year alone, soldiers and airmen of the Alabama National Guard performed more duty-days than in the previous 10 years combined.

Over the decades of involvement with response to natural disasters, I am most distressed by the injuries and loss of life of those who did not receive ample warning or those who heard the message but chose not to heed. Our partners in the National Weather Service do a phenomenal job of predicting weather events. The science is continually improving, forecasting is more precise, and incidents of false alarms continues to decrease. However, their message cannot possibly reach 100% of those needing to receive it, so true preparedness must also include a "community approach." When severe weather is forecast, check on friends, family, neighbors, and loved ones to ensure they are weather aware. Reach out to those unlikely to receive weather reports or who may be watching streaming services that do not yet have the capability to interrupt viewing for local weather information. Encourage compliance with evacuation orders or recommendations for sheltering in place, as well as maintaining situational awareness. Have a plan, prepare a disaster kit for your household, then assist another household in preparing one as well.



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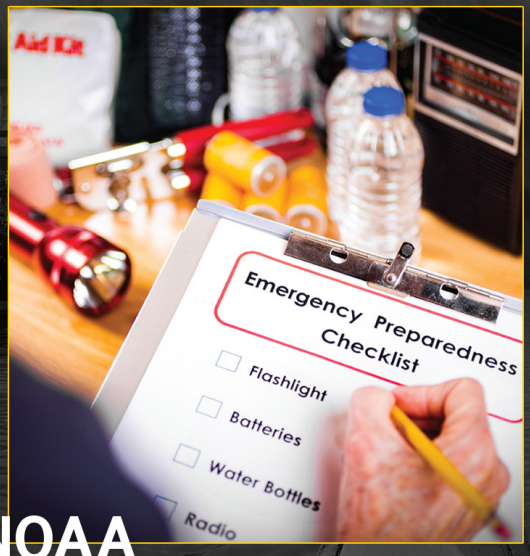
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Baldwin County is the fastest growing county in the State of Alabama. We are living in a dynamic and evolving community where we strive to maintain a safe place to reside, work and



"I have lived in Baldwin County my whole life. I was born and raised here. I can remember going through Hurricane Frederic as a child and how there was not an opportunity to get prepared in a timely manner. This was a very scary time for us. I have been through every storm system or weather event since then, and preparedness has come a long way since the days of plotting on paper. Our current EMA and all the staff are on the cutting edge of preparedness. I am highly confident that the citizens of this county, as well as the visitors, will be given the proper notices needed when having to deal with any severe weather event."

James E. "Jeb" Ball
Baldwin County Commissioner District 1



"The Baldwin County Commission is committed to working diligently to protect and serve the citizens of the county. An important way to increase our resilience as a community is to increase the awareness and education regarding the hazards and threats that we face here in our area. I would like to emphasize the importance of planning for your family and your community. The efforts put forth on planning will greatly impact the recovery process should we experience a disaster. Let's work together to build a stronger Baldwin County."

Joe Davis
Baldwin County Commissioner District 2



"The growth and development of Baldwin County is incredible; however, as a commissioner, resident and business owner we all must remember contingency planning and the need to prepare before we are faced with tropical weather. As I am born and raised in Baldwin County, I have maintained a clear understanding of what Baldwin County offers. From Little River to the Gulf Coast, you will find the most beautiful landscape. We must be ready to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against storm surge, flooding and other hazards associated with tropical weather events."

Billie Jo Underwood
Baldwin County Commissioner District 3



"With more than 33 years' experience working with the Baldwin County Highway Department and more than 16 years serving as your county commissioner, I have witnessed many disasters that have impacted our home. It is imperative that we plan as an individual, as a family, as a community and as a county. With the rapid influx of new residents, we want to help provide information for residents to plan appropriately for natural and man-made disasters. It is equally important that we do not become complacent in our preparedness efforts. Disasters are unpredictable, and we must maintain our state of readiness."

Charles ("Skip") F. Gruber
Baldwin County Commissioner District 4

vacation. Public safety, resilience and support for our community are top priorities for Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). It is this mindset of planning, preparedness and mitigation that Baldwin County EMA, a department within the Baldwin County Commission, has provided this publication.

Our top priority is the safety of our residents and visitors alike. We also understand that education regarding disaster preparedness is critical so that residents can make informed and wise decisions when it comes to personal safety and property protection. Throughout this publication, we hope you find helpful information and resources that will assist you in emergency preparedness so that you are equipped to respond and that you are knowledgeable of the resources available to you.

Together, we can develop mitigation measures to protect our unique community from hazards that threaten our region. Our economy is heavily dependent on tourism. Public sector, private sector, volunteer organizations and our residents must all work together to ensure that we are prepared, resilient and ready for disasters that may impact our region.

This publication is designed to help inform you, connect you with resources and help you plan and prepare your family, your business and your community for disasters.

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2. PREPAREDNESS

EMA is responsible for planning the best response for emergencies or disasters that may occur within the county. These incidents may include a hurricane, tornado, flood, train derailment, large truck accident, hazardous material spill, etc. EMA works with many governmental agencies and civic groups at the local, state and federal levels to prepare for emergencies and disasters. Being as prepared as possible for an incident reduces the time needed to rescue victims, clean up debris and return the community back to normal. EMA coordinates with stakeholders and partners around the county to ensure residents, organizations and businesses are educated about the risks and hazards they face and have a disaster plan in place.

3. RECOVERY

It is very important that recovery from a disaster or emergency begins as quickly as possible. EMA may procure and coordinate the necessary supplies and equipment for recovery personnel to use as they work to bring the community back to normal. EMA works in a supporting role with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide damage assessment and financial assistance to disaster victims.

4. MITIGATION

This is a big word that means "to make less severe and reduce future impacts." EMA works with local governmental agencies to obtain funding for projects such as elevating homes in flood-prone areas, providing wind retrofits for roofs or purchasing specialized rescue equipment for responders. With these things in place, our community becomes more resilient.





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Contraflow ends in Montgomery just north of Exit 167 (U.S. 80). Motorists in the contraflow lanes will crossover into the two left lanes of the normal northbound lanes. Motorists traveling in the normal northbound lanes will merge into the two right lanes and continue north and onward to their destinations.

I-65 SOUTHBOUND

During contraflow, southbound traffic traveling on I-65 through Montgomery will be directed to exit the interstate at Exit 167 at U.S. 80 and then onto U.S. 31 South. From Montgomery southward, all southbound I-65 traffic is detoured to U.S. 31. Eastbound traffic on U.S. 80 cannot enter I-65 at Exit 167 and will be directed to U.S. 31. **Southbound traffic cannot use I-65 between Montgomery and Mobile during contraflow.**

Tune into the Highway Advisory Radio System (HARS) for updated information. Look for advisory signs in these areas. Mobile area – 1630 AM • Montgomery area – 1690 AM

For additional information go to:

www.dot.state.al.us

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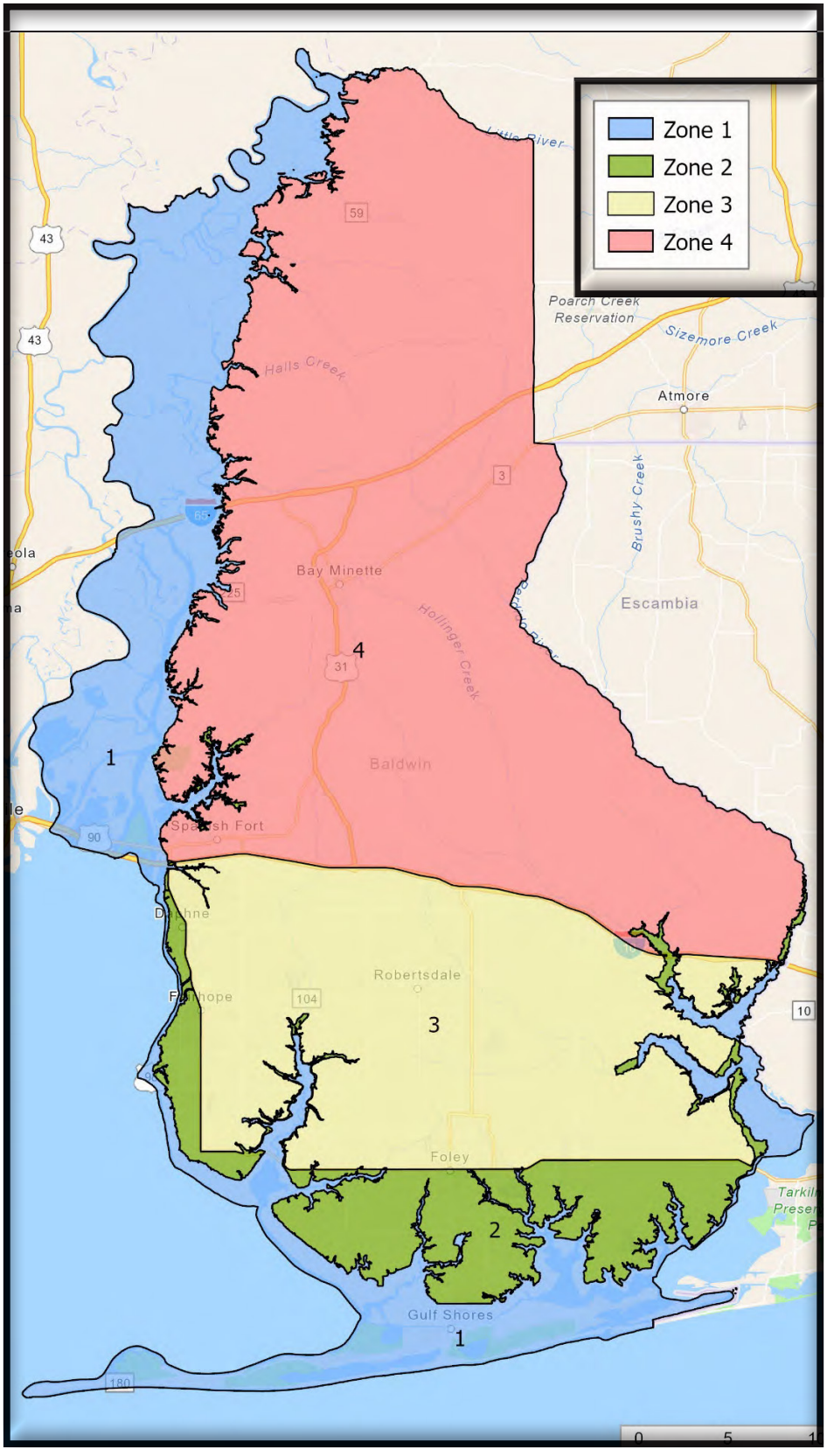
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BALDWIN COUNTY EVACUATION ROUTES



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GULF SHORES AND ORANGE BEACH RESIDENTS: Highway 59, Foley Beach Express & Baldwin Beach Express

CENTRAL & SOUTH BALDWIN COUNTY RESIDENTS: Highway 59 North & Baldwin Beach Express

EASTERN SHORE RESIDENTS: State Highway 181 & Highway 98 North

LILLIAN AREA RESIDENTS: County Road 87

EAST SIDE OF PLEASURE ISLAND (ORANGE BEACH & ONO ISLAND): Foley Beach Express via Toll Bridge & Baldwin Beach Express

Toll will be lifted for northbound traffic during evacuation

Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) releases pertinent information to the public on shelter openings and evacuations through public service announcements.

During a local state of emergency, baldwin County residents with no means of transportation will need to contact Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS) for home pick-up service and transport to local shelters. BRATS has buses readily available for wheelchair bound clients.

Following the execution of a mandatory evacuation order however, for a Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane, BRATS will suspend its fees and additionally transport residents wishing to evacuate the county to pre-designated Evacuation Pick-up Points (PUPs), listed below:

- Baldwin County High School, the Hub
- Daphne High School
- Fairhope High School
- Foley High School
- Loxley Municipal Park
- Robertsdale High School

Baldwin County Board of Education (BOE) school buses will then pick residents up from the PUPs and transport them to Baldwin County High School in Bay Minette, also known as the hub, where they will offload school buses, register and board motor coach buses, contracted by the state, for transport to outside-county community shelters. In the event there is a shortfall of motor coach buses, BOE school buses will be used to assist with evacuation efforts. This service is provided free, and residents will be returned when weather conditions are deemed safe and no longer hazardous.

Citizens are encouraged to schedule transportation in advance. BRATS may be contacted by calling: (251) 972-6817

Citizens who are non-ambulatory, bed-bound or who have special medical conditions should contact MedStar Emergency Medical Services or North Baldwin EMS for assistance.

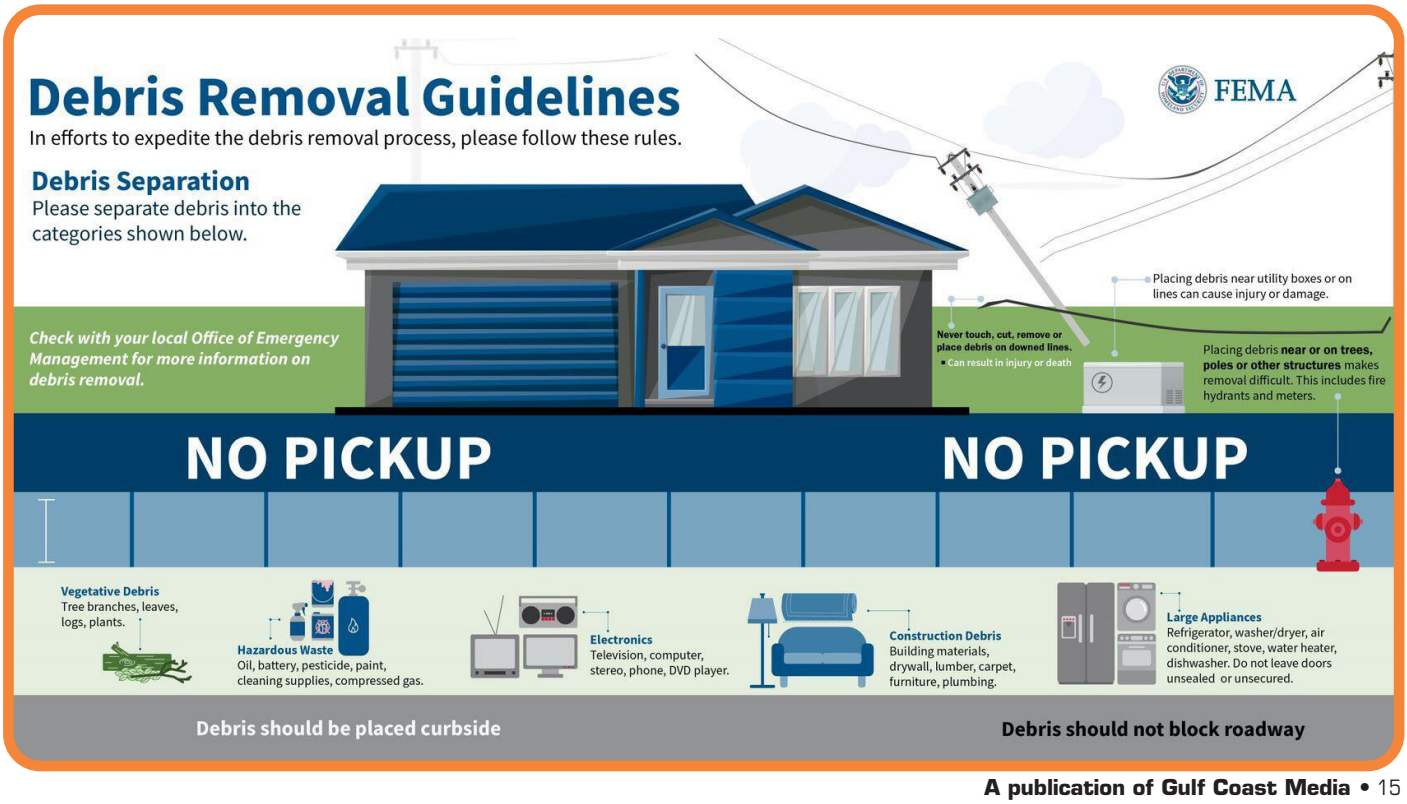
Once a local state of emergency or mandatory evacuation order has been issued, MedStar will begin picking up South Baldwin, Eastern Shore, and Central Baldwin residents and will transport them to local hospitals, and local medical needs shelters and electrical support shelters. North Baldwin EMS will pick up and transport North Baldwin residents.

Highway Department:
Due to the possibility of severe storms in our area, please use caution when traveling. Watch for debris on roads and do not drive through flooded roadways. If you have an emergency road issue to report, please call (251) 937-0371.

For those infirmed individuals wishing to evacuate the county, MedStar and North Baldwin EMS will pick up residents from their homes and evacuate them to outside-county hospitals and outside-county medical needs shelters, which will be announced at the time of event.

Residents are encouraged to schedule transportation with MedStar and North Baldwin EMS in advance. A fee will be charged.

MedStar may be contacted by calling (251) 971-3775 or (1) (866) 298-8884 (Toll Free).



WHY SHOULD I PREPARE FOR DISASTERS?

THERE ARE GREAT BENEFITS TO BEING PREPARED

"It will never happen to me," is often the primary excuse people will use when it comes to preparing for disasters. Disasters can and will happen, often without warning. Being prepared can reduce fear and anxiety that accompanies disasters. Individuals, families and communities should know what to do and where to go if threatened by a fire, tornado or hurricane. There are numerous measures that a person can take to reduce the impacts of a disaster. Reducing those impacts is known as mitigation. You may avoid some dangers all together with mitigation efforts.

THE NEED TO PREPARE IS REAL

Disasters disrupt lives daily. Disasters have long-lasting effects and may take years to recover or rebuild. Ultimately, YOU are responsible for the personal preparedness of you and your household. There are disaster relief organizations that may respond and assist, but often that assistance is temporary.

Disasters begin and end locally. It is important that you become familiar with hazards that affect our area. Hazards such as hurricanes, severe weather, tornadoes, flooding, extreme heat, earthquakes and terrorism are examples of the threats EMA recognizes, plans and prepares for Baldwin County.

As a prepared resident, you should prepare essential items to be self-sufficient for a minimum of five days. You should make provisions for shelter, food, water, first aid and sanitation. Establishing and maintaining an EMERGENCY KIT will be vital during a disaster.



DISASTER EDUCATION WEBSITES:

Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) - www.baldwincountyal.gov/ema

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – www.fema.gov

Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) - www.ema.alabama.gov

Be Ready Campaign - www.ready.gov

Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry - www.atsdr.cdc.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov/disasters

Citizen Corps - www.citizencorps.gov

Department of Commerce - www.doc.gov

Department of Education - www.ed.gov

Baldwin County Board of Education - www.bcbe.org/

Department of Energy - www.energy.gov

Department of Health and Human Services - www.hhs.gov/disasters

Department of Homeland Security - www.dhs.gov

Alabama Department of Homeland Security - www.alea.gov/office-of-the-secretary/homeland-security

National Fire Protection Association - www.nfpa.org

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – noaa.gov and

National Weather Service of Mobile (NWS) – weather.gove/mob/

BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

A FEW SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- ☐ Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- ☐ Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food) & Manual can opener
- ☐ Weather Radio
- ☐ Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- ☐ First Aid Kit & Medications
- ☐ Cell Phone with Backup Charger & Battery
- ☐ Copies of Important Documents
- ☐ Whistle (to signal for help)
- ☐ Hygiene Items
- ☐ Moist Towelettes, Garbage Bags and Plastic Ties (for personal sanitation)
- ☐ Generators & Fuel

BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



BALDWIN COUNTY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

BCVOAD promotes cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration and fosters more effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster. As our name says, this is a group of volunteer organizations working together. The mission of BCVOAD is to foster efficient, coordinated service delivery to people affected by disaster while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery and mitigation.

It is important for the health and resiliency of our communities that organizations from churches, corporations, private businesses, nonprofits, Chambers of Commerce and more are members.

Currently, BCVOAD is operating a COVID-19 Pandemic Long Term Recovery known as Baldwin Together that has expanded to include hosting the Baldwin County Commission's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. To join, baldwincountyvoad@gmail.com or or find us on social media @Baldwin County VOAD.

PRODISEE PANTRY

It's about hunger at Prodisee Pantry. Food, family and faith describe how we do it. For 19 years, Baldwin County families struggling to put food on their tables have relied on this community, ministry to provide healthy foods, encouragement and connections to supportive programs that address other needs. Our dedicated, compassionate army of red t-shirt wearing volunteers faithfully serve the community distributing over one million pounds of food annually. Their service and the community's wholehearted support makes it possible for Prodisee Pantry to hold 65 food distributions each year impacting some 28,000 individuals. Food distributions are held every Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at our Spanish Fort facility at 9315 Spanish Fort Blvd. and on the second Saturday each month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Zion Fountain AME Zion Church at 55185 Co. Road 21 in Stockton.

Prodisee Pantry reaches families who otherwise would have to make difficult choices between filling their plates with healthy food, paying rent, buying prescriptions or keeping the lights on. This community ministry is so much more than groceries to single parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, unemployed or underemployed households, quarantined individuals and anyone who is struggling. For additional information, (251) 626-1720 or *www.prodiseepantry.org* or @itsabouthunger or #prodiseepantry or volunteer@prodiseepantry.org.

What do I need to prepare for?

To properly prepare for disasters, you must first become aware of the hazards that may impact your community, the risks that are involved with these hazards and what plans are in place for warning and evacuation of residents and visitors. The Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for maintaining emergency operations plans that encompass these hazards. Periodically, the community officials will update and revise the plans. The information is available to you and can be found on the Baldwin County Commission website - *bit.ly/37Pz8zB*

There are three general categories of hazards that we must plan for:

1. Natural Hazards
2. Technological Hazards
3. Terrorism

Category 1. Natural Hazards include the following:

- Floods
- Hurricanes
- Thunderstorms/Lightning
- Tornadoes
- Extreme Heat
- Earthquakes
- Winter Storms/Extreme Cold
- Drought
- Landslides Tsunamis Fires/ Wildfires

Category 2. Technological Hazards include the following:

- Hazardous Materials
- Nuclear Power Plants

Category 3. Terrorism include the following:

- Explosions
- Biological Threats
- Chemical Threats
- Nuclear Blasts
- Radiological Dispersion Devices

Flooding

Flooding is the most common and costly disaster. Severe weather, tropical systems and hurricanes typically lead to high rainfall amounts that frequently flood low-lying, rivers and coastal areas across Baldwin County. Annually, Alabama receives about 56 inches of rainfall. Baldwin County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System. This system is a voluntary incentive program that encourages community floodplain management activities that will mitigate flood impacts. As a result, the insurance premium rates are discounted. Visit *https://www.floodsmart.gov/ for more information.*

Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency actively monitors river gages, particularly during rain events, to assist in emergency notification and warning should flooding create dangerous conditions. You may also subscribe to river and streamflow data and be alerted to river flooding by visiting *https://waterdata. usgs.gov/al/nwis/rt.*

Do you need flood insurance?

Source: FEMA & NFIP Website

Here are some important facts to keep in mind:

- FACT: Homeowners and renters insurance does not typically cover flood damage.
- FACT: More than 20% of flood claims come from properties outside high-risk flood zones.
- FACT: Flood insurance can pay regardless of whether or not there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration.
- FACT: Disaster assistance comes in two forms: a U.S. Small Business Administration loan, which must be paid back with interest, or a FEMA disaster grant, which is about $5,000 on average per household. By comparison, the average flood insurance claim is nearly $30,000 and does not have to be repaid.

It's easy to see that having flood insurance provides important recovery help.

FEMA Flood Map Service Center is a public source of flood hazard information. Use the website *https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home* to find your official flood map and other information to assist you understanding your hazard risk. Enter your address into the website, and you will find interactive flood maps for your area.

Emergency Alerts and Warnings

Should a hazard, such as flooding, pose a threat to our area, you may receive an alert on your cell phone, radio or television. These emergency alerts are part of the Emergency Alert System (EAS), which is designed to alert people if there is a grave threat or emergency. The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) oversees the weather radio systems that will alert you if there is a weather threat such as a tornado warning or flood warning. The weather alert radios continually broadcast weather information. However,

when the weather becomes severe and poses a threat, the weather radio will alert you to the "watch" or "warning." Many of these same alerts may be transmitted to your cell phone via the Wireless Emergency Alert (EAS) system. There are also numerous weather applications for your smartphone that may assist you in receiving alert notifications during times of severe weather or other types of emergencies such as an amber alert.

UNDERSTANDING TERMINOLOGY IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR SAFETY

It is also important that you distinguish between the weather terms "watch" or "warning."

START YOUR RECOVERY PROCESS

1 Take photos of your damaged home and belongings.

2 Make a list of damaged or lost items.

3 Save yourself time. If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company.

If you do not have insurance, skip to step 4.

4 3 Ways To Apply

- Online DisasterAssistance.gov
- Through the FEMA app
- Call: (800) 621-3362
  TTY: (800) 462-7585

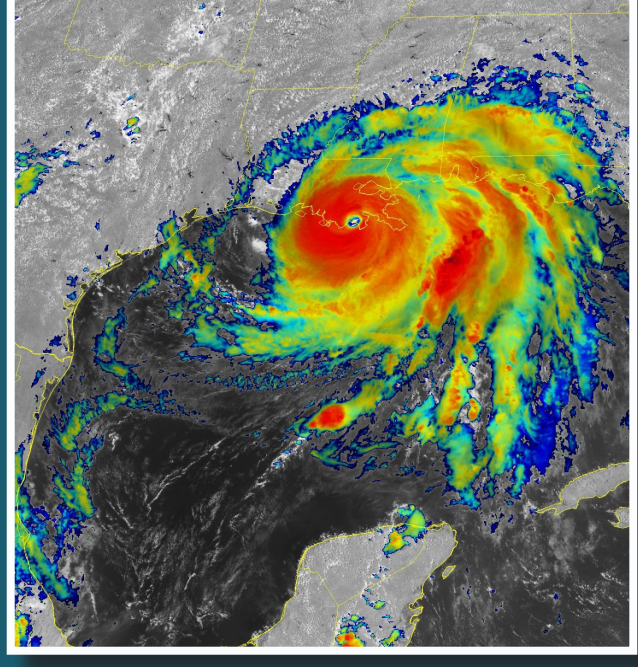
Documents You Need To Provide to FEMA

- ☑ Proof of identification
- ☑ Insurance determination letter
- ☑ Proof of occupancy or ownership

Special Note
FEMA cannot provide assistance for losses that are covered by insurance.

FEMA

STORM TERMINOLOGY



Storm Surge Warning: There is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours. If you are under a storm surge warning, check for evacuation orders from your local officials.

Hurricane Warning: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. NHC issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations. All preparations should be complete. Evacuate immediately if so ordered.

Tropical Storm Warning: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours.

Extreme Wind Warning: Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or greater), usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

Storm Surge Watch: There is a possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

Hurricane Watch: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible within your area. Because it may not be safe to prepare for a hurricane once winds reach tropical storm force, The NHC issues hurricane watches 48 hours before it anticipates tropical storm-force winds.

Tropical Storm Watch: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.

ARE YOU SEVERE WEATHER READY?

BCSS
BALDWIN COUNTY SEWER SERVICE
clean and simple

BEFORE THE STORM:

- Check that your cleanout is properly sealed (if yours is visible)
- Bathe, wash dishes, wash clothes
- Read and save/print all suggestions and troubleshooting tips on our Severe Weather Tips site in case you don't have internet and phone service after the storm

DURING & AFTER STORM:

- When power is out in the area or your pump is turned off, limit water usage in home/building as much as possible
- Reference recommendations from our Severe Weather Tips that pertain to you

Read detailed Severe Weather Tips at:
www.baldwincountysewer.com

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TORNADO WATCH AND A TORNADO WARNING

• **Tornado Watch: Be Prepared!** Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

• **Tornado Warning: Take Action!** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

HURRICANE HAZARDS

Hurricanes are incredibly powerful and devastating storms that can pack a real PUNCH to our area. On average, 12 tropical storms, six of which will develop into hurricanes, form in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico each year. Hurricane Season begins June 1 and ends Nov. 30 of each year. Peak activity for the season is mid-August through mid-September. You need to know what precautions and actions to take before the threat of a storm arrives.

BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

Here are some preparedness activities you can take BEFORE hurricane season:

- Know your evacuation zone
- Make your emergency kit
- Learn about the risks associated with hurricanes:
  - Storm surge
  - High winds
  - Flooding
  - Long-term power outages
  - Property damages
  - Tornadoes
  - Rip currents & high surf
- Review your insurance policies
- Verify your coverage
- Make sure you have flood insurance
- Visit *www.floodsmart.gov* to learn about your flood risk
- Know where your insurance documents are and make a copy to take with you
- Maintain trees trimmed around your residence to prevent property damage.
- Prepare your emergency plan:
  - Consider evacuation plans & routes
  - Consider communication methods among family and friends
- Determine a re-unification plan if separated by an emergency
- Make arrangements for family members with special need

IF A STORM THREATENS OUR AREA

Monitor the weather. Identify reliable sources of information. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are the professional experts providing information to local emergency managers. Listen to authorities regarding evacuation orders and heed the warnings.

Here are some activities you can do should Baldwin County fall under a Hurricane Warning:

- To mitigate damages to your residence, you can board up your windows and doors
- Secure outdoor furniture and lawn décor
- Secure your doors.

When evacuating, take your emergency supplies and important documents with you. Leave early to avoid traffic congestion.



SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVMENT/ DAMAGE REQUIREMENTS

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Baldwin County Building Inspection Department requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building.

The permits required for construction ensure that buildings are in compliance with the NFIP and Baldwin County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Contact the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department at (251) 972-6837 to obtain additional information on the 50% rule and a copy of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES

Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other type of natural disaster. While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many existing structures remain susceptible. Throughout the country there is a growing interest from property owners to develop practical and cost-effective methods for reducing or eliminating exposure to flooding.

There are many ways you can help protect your property and your possessions from flood damage. Property protection measures publications and assistance is available to you by contacting the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department at (251) 972-6837 or by visiting your local libraries. You may also visit the FEMA website at *www.fema.gov/.*

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

The wetlands within Baldwin County are indispensable and fragile natural resources with significant development constraints due to flooding, erosion and soil limitations. In their natural state, wetlands serve man and nature. They provide habitat areas for fish, wildlife and vegetation; water quality maintenance and pollution control; flood control; erosion control; natural resource education; and many other functions. Damaging or destroying wetlands threatens public safety and the general welfare. It is therefore necessary for Baldwin County to ensure maximum protection for wetlands by discouraging development activities that may adversely affect wetlands.

Baldwin County regulates stormwater management policies through the Subdivision Regulations Department for all new developments. Developments that produce an increase in the amount of stormwater runoff are required to construct stormwater management facilities.

Baldwin County has provisions that impose requirements on persons engaged in land disturbing activities that require planning and implementation of effective sedimentation controls for individual lots and subdivision development sites.

For more information regarding erosion, sedimentation or stormwater management requirements for new developments, contact the Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department at (251) 580-1655 or the Subdivision Permitting Department at (251) 937-0278.

MAP OF THE LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD

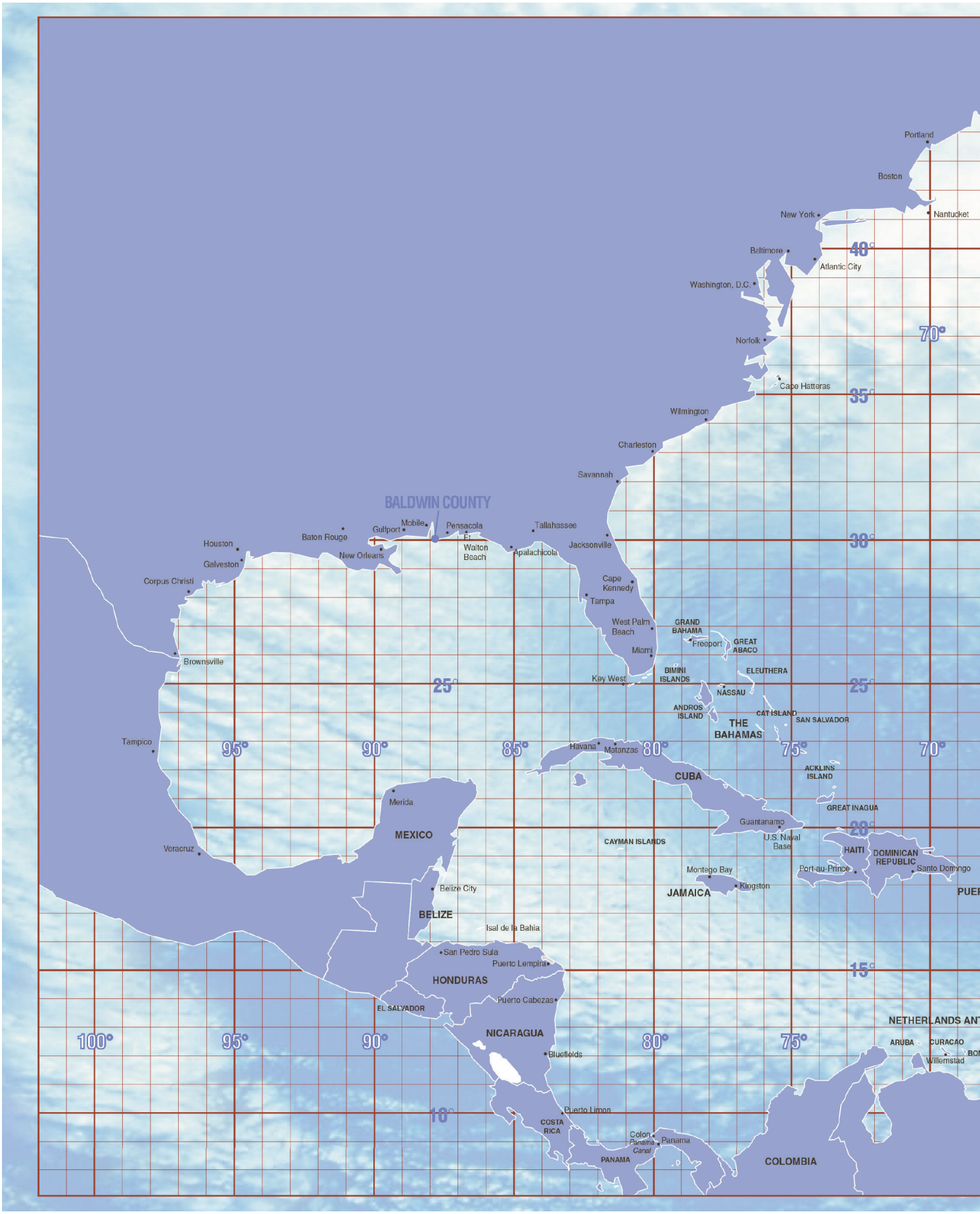
The Baldwin County Inspection Department maintains Federal Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). These maps are available for public inspection during normal business hours. They may also be viewed at your local library.

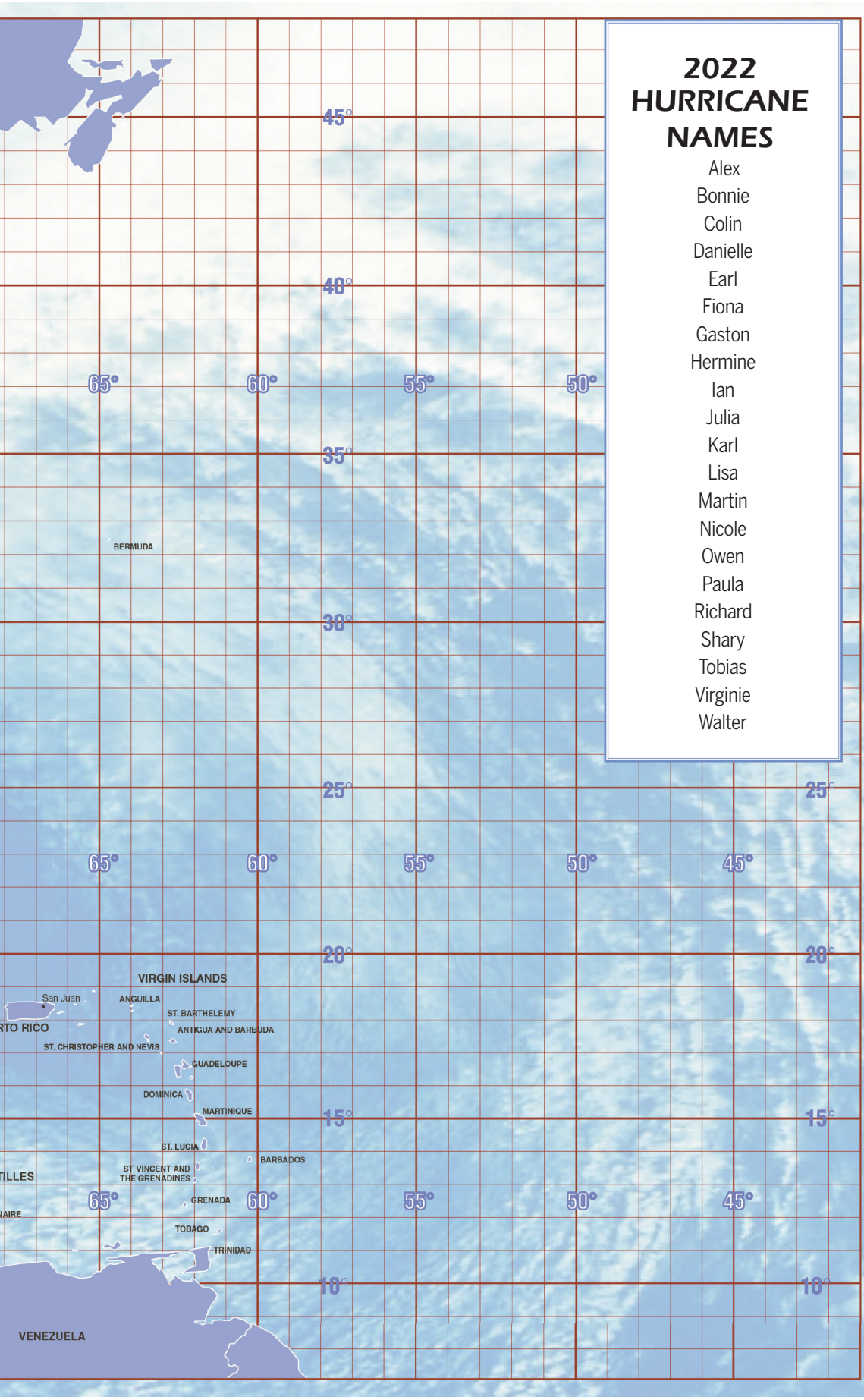
Upon written request, you may obtain a Flood Determination of your property as it relates to a local flood hazard area by contacting the Baldwin County Building Department at (251) 972-6837. Copies of Elevation Certificates can also be obtained at this office.

FLOOD HAZARD

Baldwin County is virtually surrounded by water, with the exception of several miles in the extreme northeast bordering Escambia County, with numerous bays, rivers, streams and tributaries within the interior portions of the county.

Baldwin County faces its greatest threat of flooding from hurricanes and tropical storms, but coastal flooding can occur year-round. These storms can destroy many properties and


BALDWIN COUNTY
Portland
Boston
New York
Nantucket
Baltimore
Atlantic City
Washington, D.C.
Norfolk
Cape Hatteras
Wilmington
Charleston
Savannah
Jacksonville
Tallahassee
Apalachicola
Pensacola
Ft. Walton Beach
Mobile
Gulfport
Baton Rouge
New Orleans
Houston
Galveston
Corpus Christi
Brownsville
Tampico
Cape Kennedy
Tampa
West Palm Beach
Miami
Key West
GRAND BAHAMA
Freeport
GREAT ABACO
BIMINI ISLANDS
ELEUTHERA
NASSAU
ANDROS ISLAND
CAT ISLAND
SAN SALVADOR
THE BAHAMAS
Havana
Matanzas
CUBA
ACKLINS ISLAND
GREAT INAGUA
Guantanamo
U.S. Naval Base
CAYMAN ISLANDS
HAITI
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Port-au-Prince
Santo Domingo
Montego Bay
Kingston
JAMAICA
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MEXICO
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Belize City
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Isal de la Bahia
San Pedro Sula
Puerto Lempira
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2022 HURRICANE NAMES

Alex
Bonnie
Colin
Danielle
Earl
Fiona
Gaston
Hermine
Ian
Julia
Karl
Lisa
Martin
Nicole
Owen
Paula
Richard
Shary
Tobias
Virginie
Walter

SAFFIR-SIMSON HURRICANE SCALE

Category/Damage	Winds/MPH	Pressure/Inches	Storm Surge/Feet
1 - Minimal	74-95	28.94	4-5
2 - Moderate	96-110	28.50-28.91	6-8
3 - Extensive	111-130	27.91-28.47	9-12
4 - Extreme	131-155	27.17-27.88	13-18
5 - Catastrophic	>155	<27.17	18+

HURRICANE SEASON
JUNE 1ST-NOVEMBER 30TH

cause damage to countless others. Even though property may have escaped flooding or damage from previous storms, it may not escape flooding or damage from the next storm.

To determine if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) contact the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department at (251) 972-6837.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Baldwin County's Emergency Management Agency uses several different warning devices to warn residents and visitors of storms and potential rising water hazards.

The Local Area Emergency Alert System was developed by the State Emergency Management Agency, Local Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission to provide emergency notification of hazardous weather and/or emergency incidents. This emergency system is activated by Emergency Management Personnel and the National Weather Service.

The Early Alert System – 911 (EAS) allows the emergency operations center to receive weather related messages and alerts from the National Weather Service.

The Reverse 911 notification is a prerecorded message sent to all home phones that are non-restrictive and cell phones that are registered with the Emergency 911 Agency.

There are four Flood Monitoring Stations located within Baldwin County that are monitored by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Division, the National Weather Service and the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency. This information is used to monitor stream flow and stream height for early detection of rising waters.

Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency uses Doppler radar monitoring as well as several satellite imagery programs to monitor local weather.

Baldwin County uses the EAS alerting system through local radio stations and the National Weather Service as well as local media outlets.

NOAA Weather Radios are installed in all public and private schools as well as all county and municipal buildings.

In the event of flood hazards, tune into local radio and TV stations for information. For additional information on Baldwin County's Flood Warning Threat Recognition Program or a list of the area television and radio stations contact the Emergency Management Agency at (251) 972-6807.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Within the floodplains of Baldwin County, ALL development, not just construction, require permits. Extra requirements are involved when developing in the floodplain. Before you alter (fill, grade, clear, etc.) your property, construct a building or otherwise develop your property, contact the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department at (251) 972-6837; or Planning & Zoning Department at (251) 580-1655; or the Highway Subdivision Permitting Department at (251) 937-0278 to determine if you will be required to obtain a permit or to report any possible unauthorized development within the floodplain.

FLOOD SAFETY

Flood safety protection measures that are to be taken in the event of a hurricane or any other major storm. These measurs include having your electricity and gas turned off by the power company; not driving or walking through flowing water or any flooded area; and staying clear of any unstable stream banks. Be sure and stay tuned to your local television or radio station for weather updates. If you are required to evacuate, try to move to the house of a friend or family member not affected by the impending flood hazard. If you live in a mobile home, plan to evacuate at the first notice. Everyone should rehearse your evacuation plans with all household members and plan to leave early to avoid traffic delays. For additional information regarding Baldwin County's flood warning program, contact Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency at (251) 972-6807.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Most mortgage lenders require flood insurance based on the location and elevation of the property. Flood damage, unlike wind damage, is not covered by homeowner's policies and must be purchased separately. Since Baldwin County is an NFIP community, federally backed flood insurance is available. There is typically a 30-day waiting period before a new flood insurance policy becomes effective. You are eligible for flood insurance, regardless of whether your property has never flooded, or has flooded several times in the past. All properties secured by a federally backed mortgage must carry flood insurance.

For more information about flood insurance, property owners should contact their insurance agent or call the NFIP's toll Baldwin County is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which provides federally backed flood insur-

ance in communities that enact and enforce floodplain regulations. Since its inception in 1968, the program has been successful in helping flood victims get back on their feet. This is important since property owners who hold a federally backed mortgage must purchase flood insurance if the property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Baldwin County began its participation in the National Flood Insurance (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Program in 1994. Baldwin County currently holds a Class 7 CRS rating, which equates to a 15% discount on new or renewing flood insurance policies for all SFHA properties.

For additional information regarding the NFIP or CRS Program, contact the office of the Baldwin County Building Inspection Department at (251) 972-6837 or Planning & Zoning Department at (251) 580-1655.





PET PREPAREDNESS

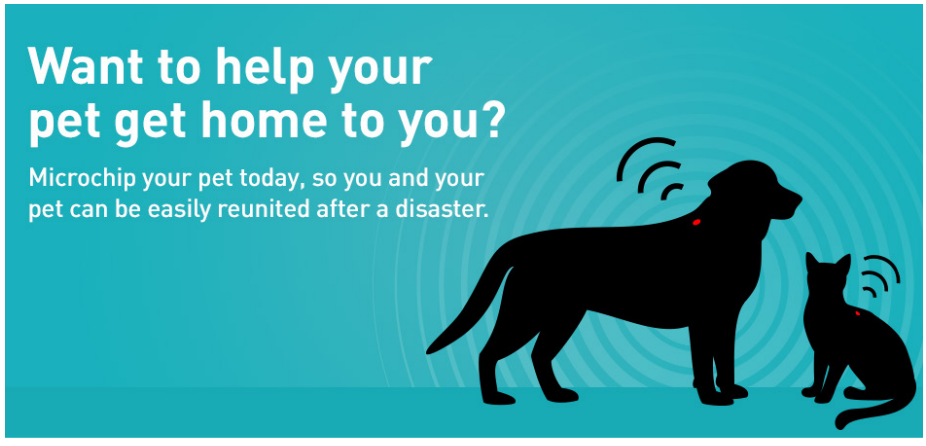
HOW TO HANDLE DISASTERS WITH PETS

You must admit that our pets are more than just pets...they are family. It is important to not only consider the needs of your human family but of your pet family members during times of emergency. Disasters can strike without warning, but you can plan and prepare for your response in advance. Never leave a pet behind or home alone during a disaster.

You can start by gathering essential supplies in an emergency kit. Your emergency kit should be transportable should you be required to evacuate quickly.

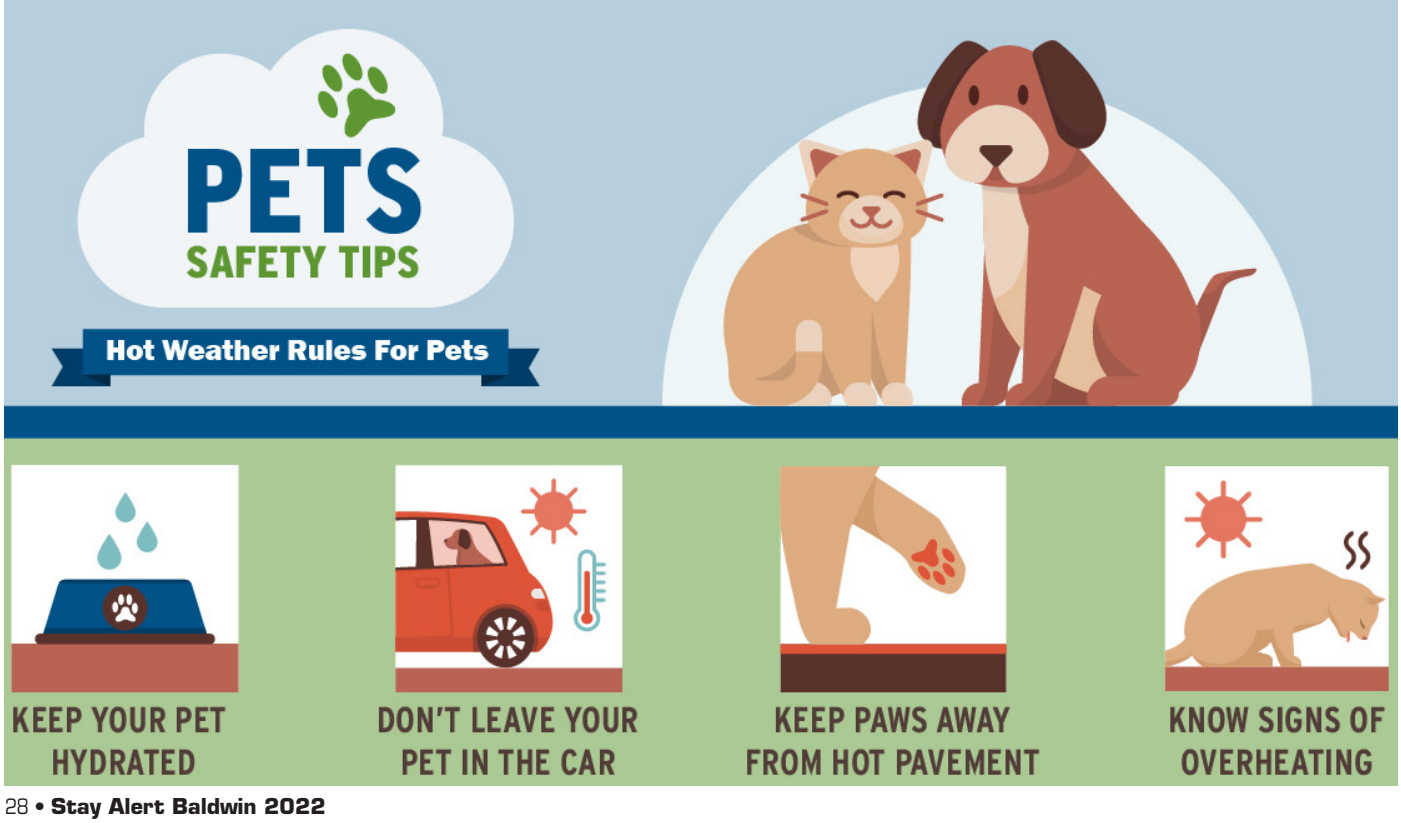
Some essential items to consider for your pet may include:

- Water
- Food
- Medications
- Vaccination records
- Collar, ID and leash



- Pet crate or carrier
- Photograph of your pet in case of separation
- Toys/blanket (something that may be comforting and familiar to your pet)
- Sanitation items such as baggies, paper towels, wipes, newspaper, etc.

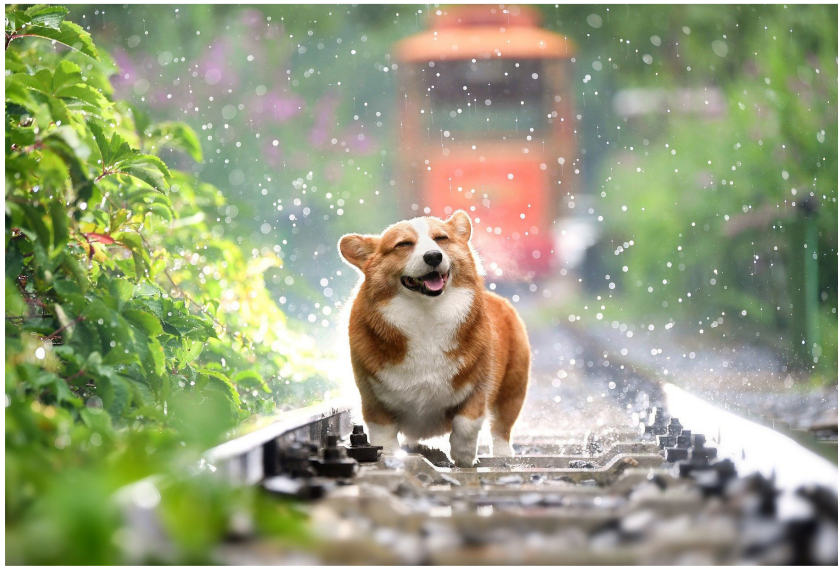
Many pet owners will not evacuate life-threatening situations without their pets. Prior to emergency situations, you can plan your course of action for evacuation. You should pre-determine possible destinations and multiple routes in which to travel. Visit *https://hotels.petswelcome.com/alabama* to locate pet friendly hotels in Alabama. You may also identify local kennels and animal shelters that may offer boarding to provide emergency shelter for your pet.

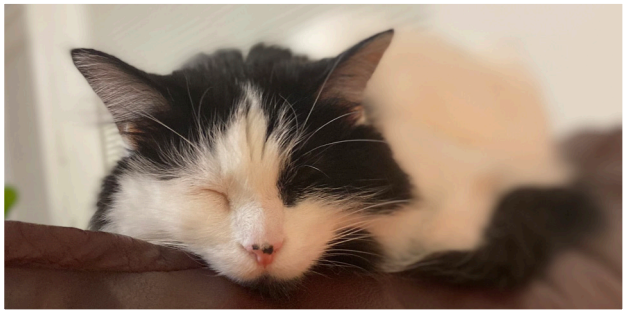


If your pet is lost following a disaster: Check with animal control and animal shelters DAILY. Many shelters use social media to help reconnect owners and animals. Post waterproof Lost animal notices in the area. You may also use social media as a tool. If your pet has a microchip, check with the microchip registry - *bitly/3MumikY.*

NEVER LEAVE A PET BEHIND OR HOME ALONE DURING A DISASTER







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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

By Jason Beaman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist - NWS Mobile

Growing up in southem Baldwin County, I became fascinated with hurricanes at a young age. How do they form? How do people know where it is going? These are questions that filled my head. I wanted to know more about weather, but even more importantly, I wanted to help people. For the past 16 years, I have been proud to call myself a National Weather Service employee. I get to work my dream job and even more importantly, help people stay safe. I share that with you because that is not just my story, but it's a similar story shared by all of the dedicated men and women who work for you at the National Weather Service's in Mobile. While we work here because we are fascinated by weather, we are even more driven to serve and protect. NWS Mobile works year-round with local partners, such as emergency management, to help prepare communities for the next significant storm.

The National Weather Service mission statement is clear: "The National Weather Service (NWS) provides weather, water and dimate data, forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy." Your local NWS office is located at the Mobile Regional Airport. NWS Mobile serves 20 counties across southeast Mississippi, southwest and south central Alabama and the western Florida Panhandle and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Even on Christmas morning, there are at least two meteorologists working. If it's like the Christmas of 2012 when tornadoes impacted our region, that number is quadrupled!

During quiet weather, we work closely with our partners through meetings and detailed exercises. When significant weather approaches, we routinely brief state, county and city leaders on what to expect so they can make the best decisions for their residents. After the storm, we conduct storm surveys to accurately assess storm damage and provide weather updates to emergency responders as they respond to the storm's aftermath. At the same time, we provide the public with up-to-date information prior to, during and after a storm that is available on our website (*weather.gov/mob*) and on Facebook and Twitter (@NWSMobile). You are also welcome to reach us at (251) 633-6443.

Have you ever heard a tornado warning and wondered where that came from? It came directly from your local National Weather Service office! We encourage everybody to have more than one way of receiving critical weather alerts. There are several methods of obtaining warnings: weather radios, cell phones, as well as local TV and radio. We also encourage everybody to ensure they have a weather safety plan. For Baldwin County residents, this means not just knowing what to do in the event of a tornado or flood, but having a plan developed ahead of time for when the next hurricane approaches. Your local National Weather Service and Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency can provide helpful information to help develop your plan!

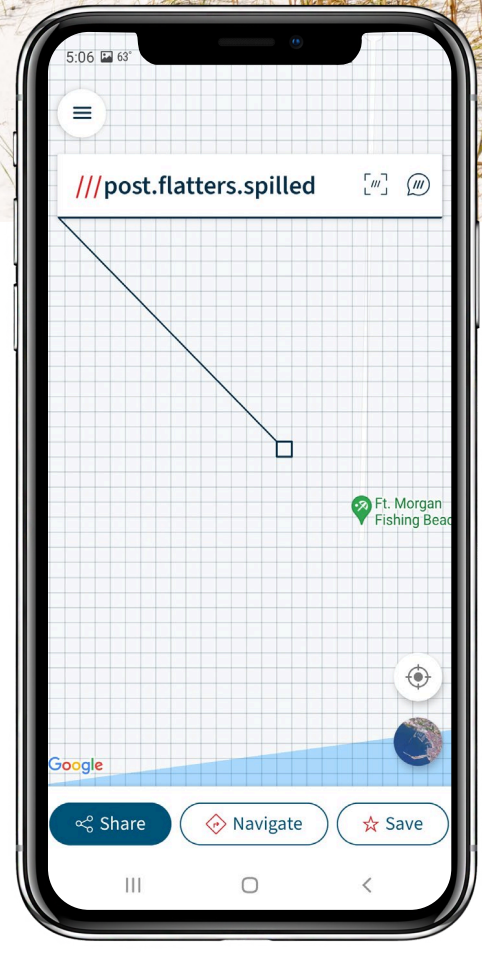
Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please know we are dedicated to serving you!





Tell 9-1-1 exactly where help is needed with what3words

what3words is an easy way to give an exact location. Every 10ft square in the world has been given a unique combination of three words.



To give a what3words address in an emergency:

1. Open the what3words app.
2. Wait for the blue GPS dot to stabilize, then tap the current location icon (iOS icon, Android icon).
3. Read the three words to the 911 call operator.

Search for the free app what3words

BALDWIN COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Our personal information and identity are essential information for our daily lives. During times of disaster, it will be vital that you have access and/or copies to important documents verifying personal information and property. Included in your emergency kit, you will need waterproof containers to store your important information and critical records. In today's age of technology, we can easily store our records digitally and can store those records in multiple locations to ensure safekeeping. In many instances following a large-scale disaster, utilities and technology may be unusable. It is not uncommon for long-term power outages to occur following a hurricane. For this reason, you will want to maintain a paper copy of these important documents in your emergency kit to take with you when you evacuate. The following is a list of suggested document copies to include in your waterproof container:

- Copy of identification (driver's licenses, work ID, Social Security card, birth certificate, marriage license, etc.)
- Current photographs of family members
- Copy of credit cards with company names, addresses and phone numbers
- Contact list of important names and phone numbers
- Medications and prescription information as well as medical records
- Banking information such as account numbers, debit cards, and contact information for your bank
- Insurance information and policies
- Deeds, titles, mortgage information for your property
- Portable hard drive of computer files
- A complete inventory of your household belongings and photograph items to verify value. Keep a hard copy record, and you may also email a digital copy to a friend or relative for safe keeping.

You can take measures to secure this information TODAY. Collecting these copies of your important documents BEFORE an emergency will be much easier than trying to collect it after. You may be unable to access your home or property for a period of time, or your documents may be destroyed. Cell phones may be unusable due to damaged cell towers or no battery life.



FUNCTIONAL ACCESS AND MEDICAL NEEDS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Evacuating your home is difficult under any circumstance, but for individuals with medical, functional access or special needs, the evacuation process requires a bit more planning effort. Having a plan will alleviate some of the stress and anxiety that often accompanies disasters. Talk to your doctor to include an emergency supply of essential medications in your emergency kit. Filling prescriptions after a disaster or out of state can be challenging following a disaster. It's a good idea to include critical medical documents in your emergency kit with your other important documents. Should you evacuate and require medical attention, it will be helpful to have your medical records for responders.

CAREGIVER'S GUIDE FOR SHELTERING & EVACUATING

Caregivers may have special considerations and additional items to supplement the standard emergency kit should an emergency or evacuation occur. Considerations will be dependent on the individual needs of the patient. Some considerations may include:

- Special equipment for respiratory, dietary or mobility
- Personal care items
- Medications
- Communication needs
- Service animals and supplies for the service animal
- Electrical needs for supportive equipment

BALDWIN COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING - S.E.E.K. PROGRAM

Senior Essentials Emergency Kit (SEEK)

The Baldwin County Council on Aging is helping the elderly homebound and seniors in their preparedness planning. Seniors who will be evacuating to a shelter OR staying home in the event of a hurricane can both benefit from this program.

This program emphasizes the importance of an evacuation plan, providing individuals with a packet organizing and containing personal information, emergency contacts, medical history and special needs. Participants in the SEEK program will be notified by a representative from the Council on Aging prior to an impending disaster/emergency to make certain they have a plan in place and all necessary supplies for their kits, including their medications. If you or someone you know is a senior homebound or will be evacuating to a shelter, please call the Council on Aging at (251) 972-8506 for more details.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals will be impacted by disasters just as people are. Be patient with your service animals as well as pets as they find a routine and adapt to evacuation, relocation or the return to damaged property.

- Identification
- Food and water
- Veterinary records
- Kennel/crate
- Leash and collar
- Toy or comfort items

DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF DISASTERS

Remember to be patient during the aftermath of a disaster. Understand that clean up and recovery will take time. The anger, disbelief, anxiety and depression are natural responses to a traumatic event. Many even find themselves on an emotional rollercoaster. Know that you are NOT alone. Be mindful that the impacts of stress will affect young children and older adults more significantly. Here are some identifiers that indicate stress:

- Irritability
- Depression
- Confusion
- Anxiety
- Hyperactivity
- Eating disorders
- Sleeping disorders
- Exhaustion

Additional love and support to disaster victims will be critical to helping them cope. People need reassurance that they are safe and that life will return to normal. Some things that you can do to help alleviate some of the symptoms of stress are:

- Eat healthy
- Exercise
- Talk with counselors, spiritual leaders or trusted friends
- Try to maintain a schedule where you consistently rest and eat at regular intervals.

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

WHY WOULD THERE BE AN EVACUATION?

Evacuations may be ordered under dangerous circumstances where lives are in danger due to a threat. For example, evacuations may be ordered as a result of a fire, gas leak, hazardous materials accident, flood or tropical weather. If at any time circumstances exist where you or your family feel threatened or endangered, you may choose to leave your home, school or workplace to avoid those situations. There are two types of evacuations affiliated with hurricanes: mandatory and voluntary. Mandatory evacuations are orders issued by the Governor of Alabama.

Voluntary evacuations orders may be issued in advance of hurricane impacts prior to the mandatory evacuation. Anytime there is an evacuation order, please follow the guidance of the local officials and leave the area of danger!

HOW WILL I FIND OUT ABOUT THE EVACUATION?

Emergency notifications may be disseminated in a number of ways. If the situation occurs suddenly, rapid notification using reverse 911, emergency alert system (EAS), wireless emergency alerts (WEA) and all public media avenues may be used. Public safety officials have access to systems that will assist in emergency messaging. You may also subscribe to the Reverse 911 Service offered through the Emergency 911 Office. This service allows you to link your cell phone number with the physical address of your residence. In emergency situations, you may receive important messages regarding evacuation notices. Visit *https://baldwin911.org/* to enroll in the program.

WHAT SHOULD I TAKE WITH ME?

Evacuation orders may be issued with little or NO notice. This is one reason why you should keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle. Gas stations may close or be unable to pump gas during power outages or other emergencies. Traffic congestion and delays may be unavoidable during travel so having emergency food and water in your vehicle emergency kit will be extremely beneficial.

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An emergency kit for your vehicle will be critical for assisting others that you may encounter during an emergency. Here are suggested items you may want to include in your vehicle emergency kit:

- Food and water
- Blanket, clothes and extra shoes
- Tool kit
- Jumper cables
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Portable Battery Powered radio
- Important Documents - Insurance, identification, contact information, maps

WHERE DO I GO AND HOW DO I GET THERE?

Here is where planning is important. While making your family plans for emergencies, pre-determine options for safe evacuation locations. Once you have identified your safe locations, you can identify multiple routes in which to reach your destination. Be sure to share your evacuation plans with friends and family so that they are aware of your safety.

Should you have transportation challenges, Baldwin County Regional Area Transit System (BRATS) can assist you with your transportation needs. You may contact BRATS in advance of an emergency and plan for your transport to a local shelter.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT?

BARNWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 38**
BEAT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
BELFOREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 64**
BON SECOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 24**
CROSS ROADS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 78**
ELBERTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 31**
ELSANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 53**
FAIRHOPE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 58**
FOLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 30**
FORT MORGAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 28**
GATESWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 67**
JOSEPHINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 33**
LILLIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 37**
LOTTIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 91**
LOXLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 60**
MAGNOLIA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 34**
MARLOW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 44**
OYSTER BAY ROADS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 22**
PERDIDO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 22**
PERDIDO BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 35**
PINE GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 71**
RABUN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 80**
ROBERTSDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 50**
ROSINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 63**
SEMINOLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 57**
SILVERHILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 52**
SPANISH FORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 68**
STAPLETON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 72**
STOCKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 88**
STYX RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 65**
SUMMERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 40**
TENSAW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 90**
WHITE HOUSE FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATION 74**

CONTACT: BCEMA@BALDWINCOUNTYAL.GOV

BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TORNADO SHELTERS

The Baldwin County Commission owns or has access to community safe rooms for Tropical Weather events, but these are not designed for the quick access needed in severe storm and tornadoes. Any tornado shelters in Baldwin County are privately owned.
The county shelters of last resort/safe rooms (listed on our website: baldwincountyal.gov) are opened as needed during a hurricane.

Those staying in condos, RV sites, and mobile home communities should speak to managers/owners at the facility about where they recommend sheltering on or off site.
We also recommend seeking shelter with friends or family if you have loved ones nearby, especially for those who live in single family mobile or manufactured homes.
The primary consideration should be individual and family plan identification of a safer place for severe weather and tornadoes.

Sheltering in Place, or Safer Places
Whether you are at home, work or anywhere else you frequent regularly, there may be situations when it's best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside.
Here are some indicators and steps to take if the situation arises:

- Use common sense and available information to assess the situation and determine if there is immediate danger.
- Watch TV and listen to the radio often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Bring your family and pets inside.
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- Go into an interior room on the lowest floor with the fewest windows
- Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.

If you're in your car, do not try to outrun a tornado. Additionally:

- Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.

Even after a tornado passes, it's important to stay alert and use caution when clearing debris.

- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.
- Wear appropriate gear during clean-up, such as thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves, and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

RETURNING HOME AFTER A DISASTER

The first task for you to complete upon returning home following a disaster is to document the damages.

- Take photographs of your property damages. You may be asked to provide this information for insurance.
- Survey your property for down power lines, gas leaks and structural damage. If your residence is severely damaged and you are concerned about safe entry, contact the local building inspector to evaluate your residence.
- Be watchful for snakes, insects, and stray animals that may have been displaced by the disaster
- Check for utility services (power and water)
- Ensure that the water supply is safe. After flooding, the water supplies may become contaminated. Check with your provider to ensure the water supply is safe for consumption and use.
- Ensure that your sewer and septic systems are working properly
- Sort your contents for repair or discard
- Maintain records of the expenses related to cleanup and repairs. You may be asked to provide those records to insurance or financial assistance organizations.
- If your residence has damage due to flooding, dry the areas as soon as safely possible. You must remove moisture to prevent mold and mildew.
- Resources in the community may be available to assist. Baldwin County has an active Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), American Red Cross, United Way, Ecumenical Ministries, Food Pantries, Catholic Social Services and other agencies that can provide assistance to disaster victims.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Standard homeowners insurance does NOT cover flooding. It is important to have protection against flooding that may result from hurricanes, tropical events, heavy rainfall, and drainage issues. The National Flood Insurance (NFIP) was created to help provide property owners means to protect them financially. The NFIP offers flood insurance to renters, business owners, and homeowners if the community participates in the program. The community adopts and enforces ordinances that meet or exceed the FEMA requirements to reduce flood risk. Find out more at *http://www.floodsmart.gov*.



PLAN TO "STAY IN BUSINESS"

By Yolanda Johnson, Business Advisor - SBDC

During times of disaster, having a plan to stay in business is a must. Planning for disaster starts the day you begin thinking about opening your business, from the business insurance policy chosen to the building lease details. Now, fast forward, imagine stepping into your store, or restaurant, or the office where you run your business a day or two after the tornado or hurricane has passed, floodwaters have receded, or the oil as been cleaned up.

Unfortunately for hundreds of business owners across Baldwin County, this scenario is more than just imagined. It's a reality that leaves them to deal with the heartbreak of picking up the pieces in the aftermath of a disaster, and with a whole host of unanswered questions.

Up to 40% of the businesses affected by a natural or human-caused disaster never reopen. Don't be a statistic. Plan now to stay in business after a disaster. Download a 100-page free workbook, "Guide to Disaster Planning and Recovery for Alabama Small Businesses, at *http://asbdc.org/disaster-assis tance-business-continuity.*

The Alabama Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network has determined a strategy to help minimize the impact of disasters that involves the guidance on simple steps that businesses can take to protect themselves.

REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

Contact your agent to find out if your coverage is right for your business, and make sure you understand the policy limits. Ask about business interruption insurance, which compensates you for lost income and covers operating expenses if your company has a temporary shutdown. Do your insurance values reflect inflation costs over time? Do your policies cover actual cash value or replacement cost? Do you understand deductibles, waiting periods before coverage begins, and procedures for notification of insurers when a loss occurs?

ESTABLISH A SOLID SUPPLY CHAIN

If all your vital external vendors and suppliers are local, the disaster that strikes you will also strike them, and each of you will struggle to recover. Diversify your list of vendors to include companies outside your local area, if possible. Create a contact list for contractors and vendors you plan to use in an emergency, and find out if those suppliers have a recovery plan in place. File this list with other important documents in an off-site location that's accessible and protected.

PLAN FOR AN ALTERNATE LOCATION

Do some advance research for alternate locations should a disaster force you to relocate. For example, contact a local real estate agent to get a list of vacant office space or make an agreement with a neighboring business to share space if needed. Establish a plan for employees to telecommute until you rebuild.

The Alabama SBDC is available to help businesses assess their situation/opportunity and make the most informed and best decisions for themselves and their business in times of disaster, in need of financing, starting and growing a business. This assistance is available to you by registering at *www.asbdc.org*.



LEARN MORE

BEACH SAFE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



MEDIUM HAZARD

Moderate surf and/or currents



MARINE PESTS ARE PRESENT

Exercise caution



HIGH HAZARD

High surf and/or strong currents



WATER CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

It is illegal to enter the Gulf of Mexico within the corporate limits of either city when two red flags are displayed.

NEW BEACH SAFE CAMPAIGN

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism (GSOBT), Gulf Shores Fire Department, Orange Beach Fire Department, Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, Baldwin County Commission and Baldwin County 9-1-1 have united behind a county-wide beach safety campaign, coined **BEach SAFE: Know Before You Go.**

Championed by both the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach fire chiefs, BEach SAFE aims to create awareness among locals and guests on topics including beach conditions, warning flag systems, rip current awareness, safe swimming practices and more. Recognizing that not all beach areas on Alabama's Gulf Coast have lifeguards, beach flags and patrols, BEach SAFE is designed to help individuals to stay informed and understand potential dangers.

CHECK WEATHER AND SURF CONDITIONS DAILY

- By phone:
  - Gulf Shores: (251) 968-SURF
  - Orange Beach: (251) 981-SURF
- Online:
  - *VisitALBeaches.com/safety*

KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS

- Learn to swim; non-swimmers should stay out of the water
- Don't overestimate your swimming ability
- Don't rely on inner tubes, floats or other inflatable toys
- Use Coast Guard approved lifejackets
- Designate a water-watcher and supervise children closely
- Never swim alone

SWIM NEAR A LIFEGUARD

- Lifeguards are stationed seasonally at all public beaches in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach (March through September)
- Currently, no lifeguard protection is available in the Fort Morgan area

SIGN UP FOR DAILY BEACH CONDITIONS TEXT ALERTS

- Text "ALBEACHES" to "888777"
- Text "STOP" to opt out of notifications

KNOW AND HEED THE BEACH WARNING FLAGS

- Yellow: Moderate surf and/or currents
- Purple: Dangerous marine life
- Red: High surf and/or strong currents
- Double Red: Water closed to the public

LEARN HOW TO ESCAPE A RIP CURRENT

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore.

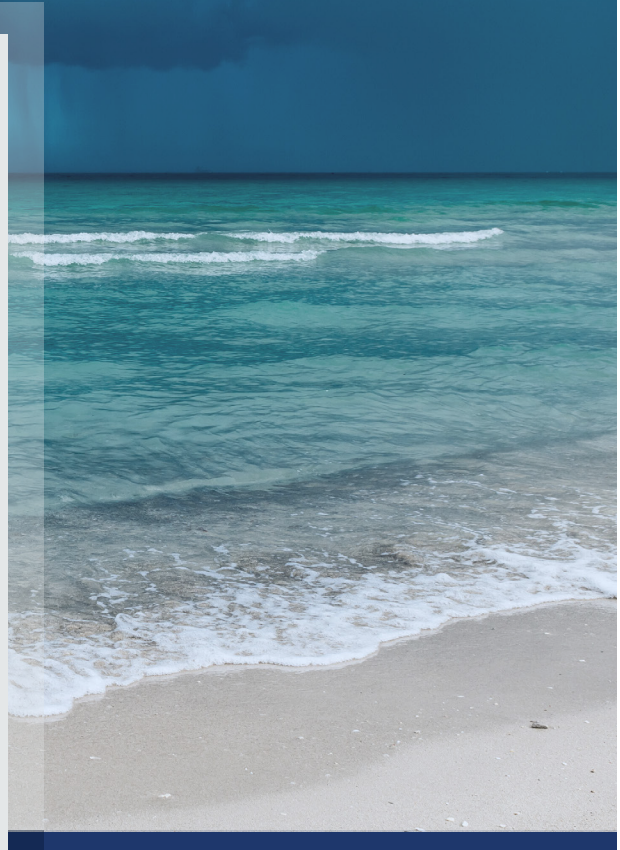
- If caught in a rip current, remain calm
- Escape the current by swimming parallel to the shoreline
- When free of the current, swim at an angle — away from the current — toward shore
- Float or tread water if unable to escape by swimming
- If unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself by facing the shore and calling or waving for help

KNOW WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE ELSE IS IN DANGER

- First, CALL 9-1-1
- Seek help from a lifeguard; if no lifeguard is present, yell instructions on how to escape the current
- Throw the victim something that floats
- Don't attempt to perform a rescue as you could also get caught in the current Beach information can always be found on *GulfShores.com* and *OrangeBeach.com*.

Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism serves as the official destination marketing organization for the cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach in addition to the unincorporated area of Fort Morgan. To learn more about Alabama's 32 miles of white-sand beaches, visit either *GulfShores.com* or *OrangeBeach.com*.

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BALDWIN COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Get alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for AlertBaldwin. This free system enables us to rapidly provide residents and visitors with critical information in local situations such as severe weather, hazardous materials releases, unexpected road hazards and closures, missing persons and evacuations. Be prepared, be informed, and stay connected.

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Channel 3 (ABC) WEAR TV
Channel 5 (CBS) WKRG TV
Channel 10 (NBC) WALA TV
Channel 15 (FOX) WPMI TV
Channel 35 WFGX TV
Channel 44 WJTC TV

AREA RADIO STATIONS
WABB AM 1480
WABB FM 97.5
WABF AM 1480
WQUA FM 102.1
WAVH FM 106.5
WBCA AM 1110
WBHY AM 840
WBHY FM 88.5
WBLX FM 92.5
WCSN FM 105.7
WDLT FM 98.3
WDLT AM 600
WBUB FM 104.1
WMXC FM 99.9
WRKH FM 96.1
WGOK AM 900
WHEP AM 1310
WHIL FM 91.3
WJLQ FM 100.7
WJLQ FM 100.7
WNTM AM 710

WNSP FM 105.5
WKSJ FM 94.9
WPCS FM 89.3
WUWF FM 91
WXBM FM 102.5
WZEW FM 92.1
WTKK FM 101.5
WXWY AM 100
WMOB AM 1360

BALDWIN COUNTY EVACUATION SHELTERS
Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) strongly recommends evacuation. "Shelters of Last Resort" are made available by the county, however, the structural integrity of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. All individuals entering the shelter must:

- Complete a Registration/ Waiver of Liability Form.
- Present photo identification.
- Obey the shelter rules.
- Be subject to a criminal background check.

Not all shelters will open at the same time. Shelters will open on an "as-needed" basis and are subject to change. Please stay tuned to local television and radio stations for public service announcements regarding shelter openings.
IMPORTANT NOTICE - The shelter information listed below is primarily used during hurricanes. In the event BCEMA opens shelters due to severe weather or tornadoes, shelters normally used as electrical support and/or medical needs shelters will likely be used as mass care (or general public) shelters.
Individuals entering electrical support shelters or medical needs shelters must also bring:

- One adult caregiver
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Any special dietary supplies needed

You may also Contact the (Baldwin County (EMA) (Emergency Management Agency) for shelter opening and closing information.

MASS CARE SHELTERS (General Public):
Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567

BAY MINETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL
1311 West 13th St.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

DAPHNE EAST ELEMENTARY
26651 County Road 13
Daphne, AL 26526

MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTER:
Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567

ELECTRICAL SUPPORT SHELTERS:
Baldwin County Coliseum
19477 Fairground Road
Robertsdale, AL 36567

Baldwin County Level II
Community Shelter
207 North White Ave.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Fairhope Satellite Courthouse
1100 Fairhope Ave.
Fairhope, AL 36532

Foley Satellite Courthouse
201 East Section Ave.
Foley, AL 36535

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:
BALDWIN COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
251-972-6806
251-972-6807 South Baldwin
251-937-0317 North Baldwin
251-990-4605 Eastern Shore

BALDWIN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
251-937-0202
251-972-6802

UTILITIES

ALABAMA POWER
Provides electric service to surrounding areas
800-888-2726
CustomerService.SouthernCompany.com

BALDWIN COUNTY SEWER SERVICE
251-971-3022

BALDWIN EMC
Provides electric for all of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach; most unincorporated areas
251-989-6247; 800-837-3374
BaldwinEMC.com

EAST CENTRAL BALDWIN WATER AUTHORITY
East Central Baldwin County water, sewer and fire protection authority.
251-942-1242

NORTH BALDWIN UTILITIES
Natural gas, water and waste water.
251-580-1626
NorthBaldwinUtilities.com

PERDIDO BAY WATER
Provides water, sewer and fire for Lillian, Perdido Beach, Josephine and Elberta.
251-987-5816
PerdidoBayWater.com

RIVIERA UTILITIES
The electric department provides service for Daphne, Spanish Fort, Point Clear, Loxley, Silverhill, Summerdale, Foley, Elberta, Lillian, Bon Secour and
Magnolia Springs.
The gas department directly serves customers in Foley, Magnolia Springs, Summerdale, Elberta, Miflin, Gulf Shores and Silverhill. Additionally, Riviera supplies wholesale natural gas to the municipalities of Loxley, Robertsdale and Clark / Mobile counties gas district in Orange Beach.
Provides water service to households in South Baldwin County.
Provides waste water service to city of Foley only.
251-943-5001 Eastern Division Foley
251-626-5000 Western Division Daphne
RivieraUtilities.com

WHITE HOUSE WATER AUTHORITY
Water authority to White House Fork areas.
251-937-2430

MUNICIPALITIES

DAPHNE UTILITIES
Water, sewer and natural gas.
251-626-2628
DaphneUtilities.com

FAIRHOPE UTILITIES
Set up new service for water, sewer, natural gas, electric and sanitation.
251-990-0121
COFairhope.com

GULF SHORES UTILITIES
Water and sewer.
251-968-6323

LOXLEY UTILITIES
Water, waste water, gas, solid waste, streets, animal control, mosquito control, grass and drainage maintenance.
251-964-7644

ROBERTSDALE UTILITIES
Electric, sewer, water, natural gas and sanitation.
251-947-8950
Robertsdale.org

SUMMERDALE WATER
251-989-6470

SUMMERDALE SEWER
251-989-2437
SummerdaleAlabama.com

OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO UTILITIES
ALABAMA 1: 811 ALL
BALDWIN COUNTY
800-972-2631
AL1Call.com

UTILITIES OVERVIEW WEBSITE
BaldwinEDA.com

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BALDWIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

312 Courthouse Square, Suite 22, Bay Minette

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

This circuit comprises the geographical limits of Baldwin County and is composed of five circuit court judges, two district court judges, one circuit clerk and one district attorney. The Circuit Court hears all civil matters where the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000, all criminal pros ecutions involving felony offenses and family court matters. The Circuit Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court and in all civil matters where the amount in controversy exceeds $3,000 but does not exceed $10,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Additionally, the Circuit Courts exercise appellate jurisdiction over cases appealed from the District Courts, Probate Court, Baldwin County Municipal Courts and certain administrative and municipal boards.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIRCUIT

CARMEN E. BOSCH
Courtroom #7
251-937-0235
251-937-0315 fax

JODY W. BISHOP
Courtroom #8
251-937-0290
251-937-0236 fax

C. JOSEPH NORTON
Courtroom #4
251-937-0273
251937-0225 fax

SCOTT P. TAYLOR
Presiding judge Courtroom #5
251-580-2570
251-937-0346 fax

J. CLARK STANKOSKI
251-937-0237

DISTRICT JUDGES

The District Court has original jurisdiction over criminal misdemeanors, holds preliminary hearings in felony prosecutions and can receive guilty pleas in felony cases not punishable by death. The two district judges exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Courts in juvenile matters and in civil actions where the amount in controversy does not exceed $10,000; furthermore, the district judges have exclusive jurisdiction over all civil actions where the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed $3,000, which are considered "small claims cases."

MICHELLE M. THOMASON
Presiding judge Courtroom #7
251-972-8573
251-972-6815 fax

WILLIAM E. SCULLY JR.
251-580-1647

CIRCUIT CLERK

The Circuit Clerk serves as the chief administrative and fiscal officer for the court system. Also serves as an election official for the county and has magistrate duties, working with law enforcement for the issuance of warrants and for the filing of court documents.

JODY WISE
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 10
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Jody.campbell@alacourt.gov

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ROBERT WILTERS
Elected 2016
Administrative Office
101 Hand Ave.
Bay Minette, AL 36507
251-937-0274
BaldwinDA@baldwincountyal.gov

FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

U.S SEN TOMMY TUBERVILLE
United States Senator Tommy Tuberville was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2020 and is currently serving his first term representing Alabama. His constituents still know him as Coach Tuberville, following his 40-year career coaching college football.
Sen. Tuberville serves on the Committe on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the Committee on Armed Services, The Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mobile Office:
BB& T Centre 41 West I-65, Service Road North, Suite 2300-A
Mobile, AL 36608
Phone 251-414-3083

Washington D.C. Office:
142 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
202-224-4124

U.S. SEN. RICHARD SHELBY
Elected to the Senate in 1986. Sen. Shelby serves as the chairman of the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and is a member of the Committee on Appropriations as well as the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Mobile office:
113 St. Joseph St.
445 U.S. Federal Courthouse
Mobile, AL 36602
Phone: 251-694-4164 · Fax: 251-694-4166

Washington, D.C. office:
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 202-224-5744 · Fax: 202-224-3416 · Website: Shelby.Senate.gov

U.S. REP. JERRY CARL
Alabama's First District
Elected in 2020. He sits on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Baldwin County Office:
502 W. Lee Ave.
Summerdale, AL 36580
Phone: 251-989-2664

Washington D.C. Office:
119 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: 202-225-4931 · Fax: 202-225-0562 · Website: Byrne.House.gov

BALDWIN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUENT SERVICES OFFICE DIRECTOR, CLIFF MCCOLLUM
cliff.mccollum@baldwincountyal.gov
1100 Fairhope Ave.
Fairhope, AL 36532
251-990-4615

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS, JENNIFER HUTTO AND BRYNN AMEY
jhutto@baldwincountyal.gov
brynn.amey@baldwincountyal.gov
Toll Free in Baldwin County
Calling from - North Baldwin County: 251-937-9561, Ext. 2240
Calling from - Central Baldwin County: 251-943-5061, Ext. 2240
Calling from - Eastern Shore: 251-928-3002,
Ext. 2240

STATE SEN. CHRIS ELLIOTT
(R) - State Senate District No. 32
Elected to the State Senate in 2018
Represents all or a portion of the incorporated Baldwin municipalities of Daphne, Elberta, Fairhope, Foley, Gulf Shores, Loxley, Magnolia Springs, Orange Beach, Perdido Beach, Robertsdale, Silverhill, Spanish Fort and Summerdale; the unincorporated communities of Elsanor, Seminole, Belforest, Marlow, Point Clear, Barnwell, Lillian, Josephine, Mi-

flin, Bon Secour, Fort Morgan and Ono Island.
Alabama State Senate, Room 738-B
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0897

STATE SEN. GREG ALBRITTON
(R) - State Senate District No. 22
Elected to the State Senate in 2014
Represents all or a portion of the incorporated municipalities of Bay Minette, Loxley and Robertsdale and the unincorporated communities of Little River, Blacksher, Tensaw, Lottie, Latham, Vaughn, Stockton, Crossroads, Bromley, Malbis, Stapleton, Plantation Hills, Ellisville and Belforest.
Alabama State Senate, Room 721
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0843

STATE REP. ALAN BAKER
(R) - State House District No. 66
Elected to the House in 2006
Represents the incorporated municipality of Loxley; the unincorporated communities of Perdido, Phillipsville, Pine Grove, Gateswood, Clear Springs, Loxley-Ellisville and Stapleton.
Alabama House of Representatives, Room 427-B
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0420 · StateRep@co.escambia.al.us

STATE REP. HARRY SHIVER
(R) - State House District No. 64
Elected to the House in 2006
Represents all or a portion of the incorporated municipality of Bay Minette; the unincorporated
communities of Little River, Blacksher, Lottie, Tensaw, Rabun, Latham, Vaughn, Stockton, Crossroads, Whitehouse Fork and Bromley.
Alabama House of Representatives, Room 526-D
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0445 · HarryShiver@aol.com

STATE REP. JOE FAUST
(R) - State House District No. 94
Elected to the House in 2002
Represents all or a portion of the incorporated municipalities of Fairhope, Robertsdale and Silverhill; the unincorporated communities of Malbis, Belforest, Plantation Hills, Point Clear, Barnwell, Marlow, Elsanor, Rosinton, Seminole and Lillian.
Alabama House of Representatives, Room 426
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0409 · JFaust@baldwincountyal.gov

STATE REP. MATT SIMPSON
(R) - State House District No. 96
Elected to the House in 2018
Represents all or a portion of the incorporated communities of Daphne and Spanish Fort; the
unincorporated communities of Bromley, Stapleton and Malbis.
Alabama House of Representatives, Room 417-G
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0424 · MattSimpsonAL96@gmail.com

STATE REP. STEVE MCMILLAN
(R) - State House District No. 95
Elected to the House in 1980
Represents the incorporated municipalities of Elberta, Foley, Gulf Shores, Magnolia Springs, Orange Beach, Perdido Beach, Robertsdale and Summerdale; the unincorporated communities of Barnwell, Lillian, Josephine, Miflin, Bon Secour, Fort Morgan and Ono Island.
Alabama House of Representatives, Room 532
11 S. Union St.
Montgomery, AL 36130
334-261-0523

BALDWIN REGIONAL AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The BRATS Program offers safe, affordable and reliable transportation to the residents of Baldwin County. Among the types of routes offered are: Dial-A-Ride, work routes, routes to kidney dialysis, physical therapy, cancer treatments, routes for the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) and to Baldwin County Mental Health.
P.O. Box 907, Robertsdale, AL 36567
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Eastern Shore: 251-990-4636
Central and South Baldwin: 251-972-6817
North Baldwin: 251-937-0355

BALDWIN COUNTY OFFICIALS

BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF
HUEY "HOSS" MACK
The sheriff's office is the principal law enforcement agency for Baldwin County. The sheriff serves as an officer of the courts and is responsible for service of court papers and documents. He also maintains the Baldwin County Corrections Center which houses up to 649 inmates.
Non-Emergencies: 251-937-0202 or 251-972-6802
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf: 251-580-2516

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
JEB BALL
(R) - District No. 1 -
North Baldwin County
First elected in 2018
Municipality: City of Bay Minette
Communities: Little River, Blacksher, Latham, Vaughn, Stockton, Redtown, Lottie, Rabun, Perdido, Carpenter, Blakeley, Bromley, Cottage Hill, Pine Grove, Whitehouse Fork, Crossroads, Dyas, Phillipsville, Vangordon, Stapleton and Steelwood
Baldwin County Commission - Administration Building
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Phone: 251-937-0395 · Fax: 251-580-2500
County Administrator Wayne Dyess
wayne.dyess@baldwincountyal.gov
Records Manager Anu Gary
Phone: 251-580-2564
Email: agary@baldwincountyal.gov

JOE DAVIS
(R) - District No. 2 - Eastern Shore
Elected in 2018
Municipalities: City of Spanish Fort, City of Daphne and City
of Fairhope
Communities: Belforest, Historic Marlow, Fish River, Barnwell, Battles Wharf, Point Clear and Montrose
Baldwin County Commission - Fairhope Satellite Courthouse
1100 Fairhope Ave.
Fairhope, AL 36532
Phone: 251-990-4606 · Fax: 251-580-2590
Auxiliary Office: Baldwin County Administration Building
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Phone: 251-990-4606 · Fax: 251-580-2500
County Administrator Wayne Dyess
wayne.dyess@baldwincountyal.gov
Chief Administrator Assistant Michelle Howard
Phone: 251-990-4606
Email: rcink@baldwincountyal.gov

BILLIE JO UNDERWOOD
(R) - District No. 3 - Central
Baldwin County
Elected in 2018
Municipalities: Town of Loxley, City of Robertsdale, Town of Silverhill and Town of Summerdale
Communities: Gateswood, Clear Springs, Rosinton, Elsanor and Seminole
Baldwin County Commission - Central Annex
22251 Palmer St.
Robertsdale, AL 36567
Phone: 251-972-8502 · Fax: 251-972-8503
Auxiliary Office: Baldwin County Administration Building
322 Courthouse Square
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Staff Contact: Building Projects Coordinator Nancy Strube [Central Annex]
Phone: 251-972-8555
Email: nstrube@baldwincountyal.gov

CHARLES F. "SKIP" GRUBER
(R) - District No. 4 - South
Baldwin County
Elected 2006
Municipalities: City of Foley, Town of Elberta, City of Gulf Shores, Town of Magnolia Springs, City of Orange Beach and Town of Perdido Beach
Communities: Historic Marlow, Fish River, Bon
Secour, Oyster Bay, Miflin, Josephine, Ono Island, Fort Morgan and Lillian
Baldwin County Commission -

ORANGE BEACH SCHOOL SYSTEM

ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY
4900 Wilson Blvd.
251-981-5662

ORANGE BEACH MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
4900 Wilson Blvd., Orange Beach
(251) 967-5306
Bcbe.org/OBHS

GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS

GULF SHORES BOARD OF EDUCATION
300 East 16th Ave., Gulf Shores
251-968-9873
Gsboe.org

GULF SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K – 5)
1600 East 3rd Ave., Gulf Shores
251-968-7375
Gsboe.org/GSES

GULF SHORES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)
450 East 15th Ave., Gulf Shores
251-968-8719
Gsboe.org/GSMS

GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
600 East 15th Ave., Gulf Shores
251-968-4747
Gsboe.org/GSHS

Foley Satellite Courthouse
201 E. Section St.
Foley, AL 36535
Phone: 251-943-5061, Ext. 2804
Fax: 251-972-6842
Email: cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov
Auxiliary Office: Baldwin County Administration Building
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Staff Contact: Office Administrator Jeannie Bonifay
Phone: 251-943-5061, ext. 2801
Email: jbonifay@baldwincountyal.gov

PROBATE JUDGE HARRY D'OLIVE JR.
The Probate Judge in Baldwin County is a publicly elected representative of the people for the administration of the Probate Court, License Office and the "Recorder's" Office — for official public recordation of documents.

Main Office:
220 Courthouse Square
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Phone: 251-580-2596 · Fax: 251-580-1834

Satellite Offices:
22251 Palmer St., Robertsdale, AL 36567
Phone: 251-943-5061 · Fax: 251-970-4097
1102 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532
Phone: 251-928-3002 · Fax: 251-580-2594
201 E. Section Ave., Foley, AL 36535
Phone: 251-943-5061 · Fax: 251-580-2588

BALDWIN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER TEDDY J. FAUST JR.
Elected 2009
The Revenue Commissioner's Office is responsible for mapping, appraising and assessing each parcel of property, and then collecting tax based upon each parcel's assessed value. These property taxes support the state of Alabama, Baldwin County, Baldwin County public schools, hospitals, law enforcement, fire departments and municipalities.
Main Office:
1705 U.S. Highway 31 S.
Bay Minette, AL 36507
Phone: 251-937-0245 · Fax: 251-937-0388 ·
Email: tfaust@co.baldwin.al.us

BALDWIN COUNTY CORONER BRIAN PIERCE
Elected in 2018
Phone: 251-970-4051 · Fax: 251-970-4052 ·
Email: svinson@co.baldwin.al.us
The coroner is responsible for the determination of the cause and manner of death of a person who dies and is not under medical care.
All traumatic deaths, such as murder, suicide, accidental, motor vehicle and drowning are required by law to be reported to the coroner. Any person who may have died of natural causes, but was not under a doctor's care, by law, must also be reported to the coroner's office.
It is the final responsibility of the coroner to execute and file a Certificate of Death with the Baldwin County Health Department (251-947-3618). The coroner must also review and certify all persons who desire to be cremated at the time of their death. In order to determine the cause and manner of death, the coroner may request an autopsy be conducted by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences located in Mobile; 251-471-7026 adfs.alabama.gov.



BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT 1

BALDWIN COUNTY HIGH (9-12)
1 Tiger Drive, Bay Minette
251-937-2341
Bcbe.org/BCHS

BALDWIN COUNTY VIRTUAL ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL
605 US 98, Daphne
251-404-6209
Bcbe.org

BALDWIN COUNTY VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL
605 US 98, Daphne
251-404-6209
Bcbe.org

BAY MINETTE ELEMENTARY (K-6)
400 E. 9th St., Bay Minette
251-937-7651
Bcbe.org/BME

BAY MINETTE MIDDLE (7-8)
1311 W. 13th St., Bay Minette
251-580-2960
Bcbe.org/BMMS

DELTA ELEMENTARY (K-6)
10251 Whitehouse Fork Road Extension, Bay Minette
251-937-3657
Bcbe.org/Delta

NORTH BALDWIN CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY (9-12)
505 W. Hurricane Road, Bay Minette
251-937-6751
Bcbe.org/NBCT

PERDIDO SCHOOL (K-8)
23589 County Road 47, Perdido
251-937-8456
Bcbe.org/Perdido

PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY (K-6)
43980 Pine Grove Road, Bay Minette
251-937-0453
Bcbe.org/PineGrove

STAPLETON ELEMENTARY (K-6)
35480 Harriot Ave., Stapleton
251-937-2038
Bcbe.org/Stapleton

DISTRICT 2

BELFOREST ELEMENTARY
11364 County Road 64, Daphne
Bcbe.or

DAPHNE EAST ELEMENTARY (K-6)
26651 County Road 13, Daphne
251-626-1663
Bcbe.org/DEE

DAPHNE ELEMENTARY (K-3)
2307 Main St., Daphne
251-626-2424
Bcbe.org/DE

DAPHNE HIGH (9-12)
9300 Champions Way, Daphne
251-626-8787
Bcbe.org/DHS

DAPHNE MIDDLE (7-8)
1 Jody Davis Circle, Daphne
251-626-2845
Bcbe.org/DMS

W.J. CARROLL INTERMEDIATE (4-6)
1000 Main St., Daphne
251-626-0277
Bcbe.org/Carroll

DISTRICT 3

C. F. TAYLOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
19150 Wilters St., Robertsdale
251-970-4415

CENTRAL BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-8)
24545 Highway 59, Robertsdale
251-947-2327
Bcbe.org/CBMS

ELSANOR ELEMENTARY (K-6)
23440 U.S. Highway 90, Robertsdale
251-947-5401
Bcbe.org/Elsanor

LOXLEY ELEMENTARY (K-6)
4999 S. Magnolia St., Loxley
251-964-5334
Bcbe.org/LoxleyElem

ROBERTSDALE ELEMENTARY (K-6)
1 Cub Drive, Robertsdale
251-947-4003
Bcbe.org/RobertsdaleElem

ROBERTSDALE HIGH (9-12)
1 Golden Bear Drive, Robertsdale
251-947-4154
Bcbe.org/RHS

ROSINTON ELEMENTARY (K-6)
19757 County Road 64, Robertsdale
251-964-5210
Bcbe.org/Rosinton

SOUTH BALDWIN CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY (9-12)
19200 Carolina St., Robertsdale
251-947-5041
Bcbe.org/SBCT

SILVERHILL ELEMENTARY (K-6)
15800 Fourth Ave., Silverhill
251-945-5188
Bcbe.org/Silverhill

DISTRICT 4

FLORENCE B. MATHIS ELEMENTARY (K-6)
600 Ninth Ave., Foley
251-943-1244
Bcbe.org/MathisElementary

FOLEY ELEMENTARY (K-6)
450 N. Cedar St., Foley
251-943-8861
Bcbe.org/FoleyElem

FOLEY HIGH (9-12)
1 Pride Place, Foley
251-943-2221
Bcbe.org/Foley

FOLEY MIDDLE (7-8)
200 N. Oak St., Foley
251-943-1255
Bcbe.org/FoleyMS

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL (K-6)
1 Jaguar Loop, Foley
251-965-6200
Bcbe.org/Magnolia

MATHIS ELEMENTARY
600 Ninth Ave.
251-943-1244

SUMMERDALE SCHOOL (K-8)
400 E. Broadway St., Summerdale
251-989-6850
Bcbe.org/Summerdale

SWIFT CONSOLIDATED (K-6)
6330 Bon Secour Highway, Bon Secour
251-949-6422
Bcbe.org/Swift

DISTRICT 5

ELBERTA ELEMENTARY (K-6)
25820 U.S. Highway 98, Elberta
251-986-5888
Bcbe.org/Elberta

ELBERTA HIGH (9-12)
13355 Main St., Elberta
251-968-8127
Bcbe.org/ElbertaHigh

ELBERTA MIDDLE (7-8)
13355 Main St., Elberta
251-986-8127
Bcbe.org/EMS

DISTRICT 6

FAIRHOPE EAST ELEMENTARY (K-6)
20698 Bishop Road, Fairhope
251-928-7841
Bcbe.org/FairhopeEastElemen

FAIRHOPE HIGH (9-12)
1 Pirate Drive, Fairhope
251- 928-8309
Bcbe.org/FHS

FAIRHOPE MIDDLE (7-8)
2 Pirate Drive, Fairhope
251-928-2573
Bcbe.org/FMS

FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY (K-6)
408 N. Section St., Fairhope
251-928-8400
Bcbe.org/FairhopeWestElemen

J. LARRY NEWTON SCHOOL (K-6)
9761 County Road 32, Fairhope
251-990-3858
Bcbe.org/Newton

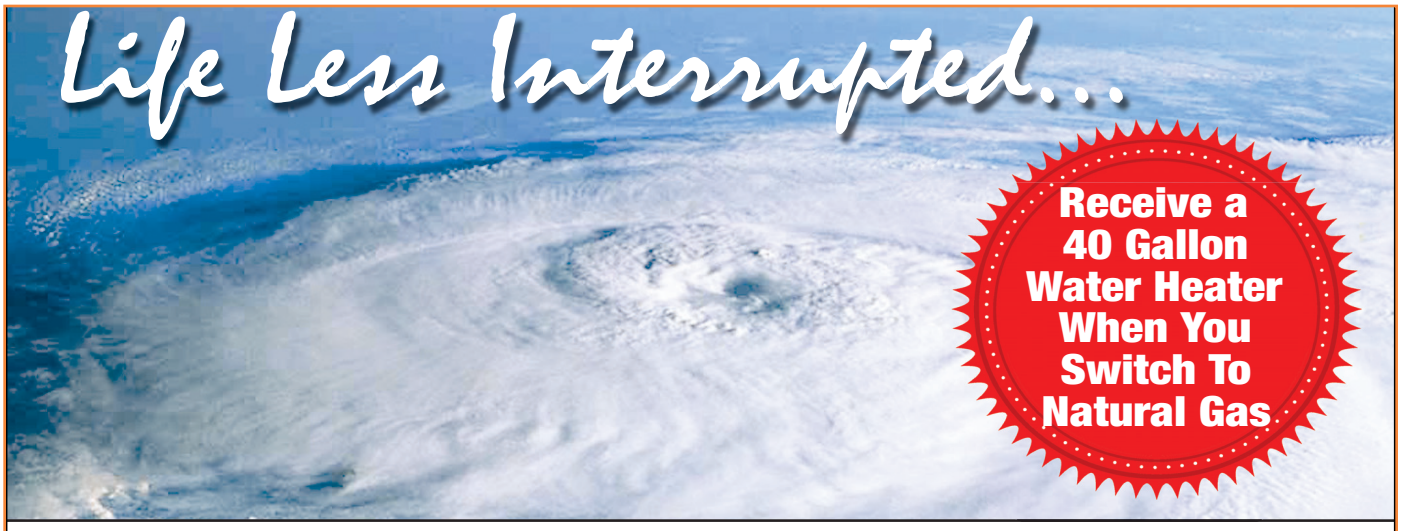
DISTRICT 7

ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY (K-5)
10183 U.S. Highway 31, Spanish Fort
251-626-5528
Bcbe.org/Rockwell

SPANISH FORT ELEMENTARY (K-5)
30900 Highway 225, Spanish Fort
251-626-9751
Bcbe.org/SpanishFortElem

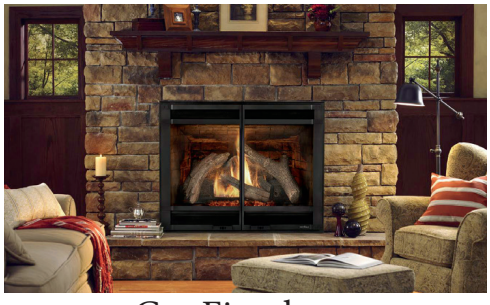
SPANISH FORT HIGH (9-12)
1 Plaza de Toros Drive, Spanish Fort
251-625-3259
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