

You must prepare

It is the responsibility of all our residents to prepare their homes and families for all types of hazards and disasters. The City of DeBary will do everything possible to recover from a disaster as quickly as possible, but residents must prepare their own property. The City of DeBary can not provide City equipment such as pumps, generators, or vehicles, for residents use. Residents must make all arrangements for equipment needs or vehicle needs through businesses within the community.



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Disaster Preparedness:

ARE YOU READY?



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In a major disaster, emergency workers may not be able to reach everyone right away. In some cases it may take 3 or more days for help to



arrive. What would you do if you had no electricity, no gas, no water, and no telephone service? Having a plan for your family and their needs will increase their safety and comfort during these difficult times.

The best way to make your family and home safer is to prepare before the disaster happens.

Building a disaster supply kit is a simple and effective way to make sure a family has enough water, food, medicine and other essential supplies when other resources may not be readily available. Different families have different needs. Residents should be sure to take into account their family's specific needs, and include in your disaster kit::

- water (1 gallon per day per person for 3-7 days)
- food (at least enough for 3– 7 days)
- clothing, toiletries, and medicines
- flashlight, radio, batteries,
- pet care items including food and water
- important documents
- fuel vehicles
- More information at: www.volusia.org/storm/

Emergency Response

In a disaster, emergency workers and emergency services will be overwhelmed initially by demands for service. Emergency workers will respond to life-threatening emergencies first, but in the aftermath of a disaster the needs are often greater than professional emergency service personnel can provide. Residents should not call emergency services for non-emergency situations.

Residents Responsibility

Your first responsibility as a resident should be your safety and your family's safety.

- Develop a disaster plan
- Inventory your valuables
- Protect your home and vehicles
- Check your homeowners insurance policy for flood and windstorm damage coverage

Some of the greatest dangers present themselves after a storm, and in fact most deaths and injuries occur after the event! Keep these important tips in mind:

- Don't venture out in the dark because you might encounter a power line that could still be live
- Do not drive unless it is an emergency as debris-filled streets are dangerous.
- If the power is out, traffic lights will not be working.
- Stop signs and street signs may be blown away causing hazardous roadways.
- Approach all intersections with care, and treat all non-powered traffic signals as four-way stops until power is restored.



Contractors and Homeowners

In an effort to reduce or eliminate shady contractors all post-disaster contractors must receive a re-entry pass to enter a disaster site. If residents hire a contractor, the contractor must register with the Building Department in City Hall. Any contractor may pre-register their information which will expedite the permit process and allow the contractors access through police lines. Approved contractors will receive re-entry passes at the time of the disaster.

The Need To Prepare Is Real

- Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year.
- Each disaster has lasting effects to both people and property.
- Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters.
- You should be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days.
- Be able to provide your own shelter, first aid, water, and sanitation.
- You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in the City of DeBary.



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