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## Hurricane Helene Update

*Jackson County, FL* – Following a morning briefing with Jackson County Emergency Management, we have important updates regarding Hurricane Helene. The hurricane’s track has shifted slightly west, resulting in Jackson County being placed under a Hurricane Warning from the National Weather Service. Our area is expected to experience tropical storm force winds of approximately 50 mph and rainfall between 5 to 7 inches. Additionally, there is an increased risk of tornadoes on Thursday.

Emergency Management has decided to open a **Special Needs Shelter** at Marianna High School, which is anticipated to be operational from 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 26. This shelter is specifically for individuals who are medically dependent on power, and pets will not be permitted.

For those needing sandbags, sand is still available across the street from Emergency Management at 2819 Panhandle Road, Marianna, FL. Residents are required to bring their own bags and shovels, as no staff will be available onsite to assist with bagging.

Residents living in RVs or mobile homes are strongly advised to evacuate to more stable structures.

This situation remains highly dynamic, and further updates will be provided later today. For any concerns or questions, please contact **(850) 718-0020**. Additionally, **sign up for Alert Jackson** to receive severe weather alerts specific to Jackson County at <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085614788/login>.

Please remain vigilant and ensure your family is prepared for the storm. If there are any changes to the storm’s path or impact, we will update the public immediately.

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