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Hurricane Helene Update – September 26

Jackson County, FL – Following a morning briefing with Jackson County Emergency Management, we have important updates regarding Hurricane Helene. There is no significant change to the storm's track and Jackson County remains under a Hurricane Warning issued by the National Weather Service. Our area can be expected to experience tropical and hurricane force winds, along with 5 to 7 inches of rainfall. There is also an increased risk of tornadoes Thursday night. Residents are urged to stay away from downed power lines as they can still be active. Downed power lines should be reported to the power companies.

Residents living in RVs or mobile homes are strongly urged to evacuate to safer structures.

A shelter for **Special Needs Residents** and the **General Population** is operational at Marianna High School. Those planning to utilize the shelter are reminded that firearms, drugs, alcohol, and pets are prohibited. Please bring necessary items such as blankets, pillows, small air mattresses, sleeping bags, folding chairs, toiletries, entertainment, and prescription medications. Please bring a form of ID.

Any residents that need to utilize **J-Trans** for transportation to shelter, please contact (850) 718-0020. They will suspend services at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26.

For any concerns or questions, please contact (850) 718-0020. We also encourage residents to sign up for **Alert Jackson** to receive real-time severe weather notifications specific to Jackson County at <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085614788/login>.

Please stay vigilant and ensure your family is prepared. Any changes to the storm's path or impact will be communicated promptly.

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