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Tropical Storm Helene Update

Jackson County, FL – Following a meeting with the Florida Department of Emergency Management at 10:15 a.m., Jackson County has important updates regarding Tropical Storm Helene.

While the storm's exact track remains uncertain, current projections indicate that tropical storm-force winds may begin impacting Jackson County Thursday morning, continuing through Thursday evening. The heaviest weather is expected Thursday night, with 5 to 7 inches of rainfall forecasted.

As a precaution, **Jackson County schools will be closed Thursday and Friday**. All Thursday evening extracurricular activities are canceled, though Friday afternoon activities will proceed as scheduled. At this time, **no shelters** are planned to be opened in Jackson County.

For residents in need of **sandbags**, sand is available at the open lot across from Emergency Management at 2819 Panhandle Road, Marianna, FL. Please bring your own sandbags and shovels, as no staff will be on-site to assist with bagging.

Residents are encouraged to stay connected with local businesses and agencies for any updates on closures related to Tropical Storm Helene. We also encourage residents to monitor Jackson County's official Facebook page for updates on county-related closures and other storm information. 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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