

Emergency Planning, Preparation, and Response

Northwest Florida and especially our Perdido Key / Innerarity Point areas are wonderful places to live and thrive. Being on and near the water means we must be aware and prepared for tropical storms and hurricanes.

The Florida Escambia County, Emergency Management Center has published the 'Disaster Guide, BeReady Escambia'. The booklet is full of information and telephone numbers. These are available after services and always at the Activity Center. Everyone is encouraged to have one for home and each car.

This is the time of the year to establish a plan for yourself, family, pets, house, yards, boats, campers, etc. Current Escambia County authority policies put the burden on individuals to be ready.

Items of note for the immediate area:

- PBUMC will close all operations when a tropical storm WARNING is issued.
- Escambia County authorities can close bridges when a tropical storm WARNING is issued (wind at 49 mph and /or gusts, i.e., Perdido Key, Ono Island, Orange Beach)
- Innerarity Isles is cut off with a 4-foot storm surge, i.e., becomes an island
- PBUMC is not a shelter. May open after a storm as a comfort and relief center.
- Shelters are a last resort. University of West Florida is most reliable.
- Escambia County policy is 72 hours before and after a severe storm / hurricane, individuals are responsible for themselves.