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E-Government News

Hurricane Season Officially Open

Hurricane season officially began on June 1 and will run to November 30. Florida has already seen the first named storm of the season and forecasters are predicting a [near or above normal hurricane season](#).

This issue of Gateway to E-Government will focus on disaster preparedness and recovery.

E-Government Resources



Hundreds of state and federal resources, organized by category.



Florida Libraries Respond

Florida libraries stayed busy responding to hurricanes last year. Library staff provided many services to their communities before, during and after storms landed.

The Bureau of Library Development hosted an



Statewide portal for county and local resources, organized by county.



Career and job resources from the Florida Electronic Library.

online discussion after last year's hurricane season for library staff all over the state to share their tips and stories. If you missed the conversation, you can watch the video below.



Florida Libraries Respond Discussion

Check out our [infographic](#) to see some of the unique ways libraries served communities.



Get a Plan

Does your library have a disaster plan? Do you have a personal disaster plan? Has your staff been trained in the library's procedures?

The Division of Emergency Management has online tools that make it easy to [plan and prepare](#) for a hurricane, whether you're planning for your library or making your personal plan.

This year, a new website has been launched specifically for [businesses](#).

If you have a rock-solid disaster plan, the Bureau of Library Development would love for you to share it with us! Email it to kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com so we can share with other library staff around the state.



Mold & Mildew

Even without a hurricane, mold and mildew are constant companions to Florida. Our warm weather and humidity create the perfect recipe for mold and mildew to creep into libraries. While we don't have a magic spray to clean our books, the Bureau of Archives and Records Management has a great cheat sheet for [Disaster Recovery](#).

There are steps for mitigating damage that could be helpful to any libraries who experience flooding.

Quick Tips

Here are some things to consider when making a disaster plan:

- Do all staff know who to call and when to call during an emergency?
- If staff are required to serve as emergency responders, have they had training before an emergency occurs?
- Are documents (insurance policy, contact lists, etc.) easy to grab in the event of evacuation?
- Have trees that hang over the library been checked for dead or loose branches?

If you have any additional tips, we'd love for you to share them with us.



App Alert!

[FEMA has a mobile app](#) that provides weather alerts, safety reminders, resource information and a place to upload damage photos. The app is



available for [Android](#) and [Apple](#) devices.

[The Weather Channel](#) has a mobile app you can use to track weather during an emergency. The app is available for [Android](#) and [Apple](#) devices.



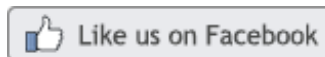
Mobile App Tip:

Many county governments across Florida have created mobile apps that are specific to emergencies in that county. These apps are a great way to keep up with what is happening in your area before, during and after an emergency.

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