



Gilchrist County Emergency Management

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Hurricane Helene

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thursday September 26th @ 9:30 AM

Hurricane Helene is expected to make landfall this afternoon. Current forecasts indicate that Gilchrist County can expect sustained tropical storm force winds, but there is a potential for a slight shift east, which could increase wind speeds. If this happens, it will occur quickly, so please make your safety plans immediately and get off the roads as soon as you can. Anticipate power outages, along with the potential for tornadoes and based on storm surge there is the potential for river flooding. Please take this storm seriously and make your plans immediately. If you need a ride to the shelter, please call immediately at 386-935-5418.

For Public Information Please call 386-935-5418

If you need a ride to shelter you can call this number as well, but this is only available while conditions are still safe.

Voluntary Evacuations for Substandard Housing, Recreational Vehicles, Mobile Homes, and Low-Lying Areas.

All Shelters are Now Open

Shelters

Bell High School Health Academy 930 S Main Street Bell, FL 32619

*Special Needs Center

Bell High School Gym 930 S Main Street Bell, FL 32619

*General Population & Pet Friendly Shelter

Trenton Elementary School 1350 SW SR 26 Trenton, FL 32693

*General Population Shelter

Shelter Checklist:

- ✓ *Bring all medication*
- ✓ *Baby food, diapers, wipes, and formula*
- ✓ *Blankets & Pillows*
- ✓ *Toiletries and Snacks*
- ✓ *Citizens with animals at pet shelter must bring crate, food, water, up to date vaccinations, and medications.*