



WASHINGTON COUNTY
Emergency Management
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As Tropical Depression Fred is moving toward the U.S., we know a lot can change over the next few days. Currently, forecast models take the system into the Gulf of Mexico this weekend before approaching the northern Gulf Coast. The storm will likely strengthen as it moves into the warm gulf waters before making landfall sometime early next week as a possible Tropical Storm.

It is important that you monitor reputable media outlets over the coming days and have a plan to protect your family and property if there are negative impacts from the system. There is no current plan to open shelters in Washington County, FL. Staying in a hotel or with friends or family are good options if you do not feel safe in your home. If you choose to shelter at home, it is recommended that you have enough non-perishable food items and water to sustain everyone for 5-7 days, a battery-operated radio and flashlights with fresh batteries, medications, wet wipes, can opener, first aid kit, a full tank of gas and cash. Be sure cell phones are charged and you have appropriate vehicle phone chargers.

Sandbags are available at most home supply stores, and sand is available to residents at the following locations:

Ebro Fire Department

Sunny Hills Fire Department

Greenhead Fire Department

Vernon Fire Department

Orange Hill Fire Department

Sign up for free local weather alerts at www.alertwashington.org or by calling the Washington County, Florida Emergency Management Office, Monday – Friday, 8AM – 4PM at (850) 638-6203.