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## ***Flooding Update #14***

### **County Announcements**

- The Gulf Breeze Library reopened at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 12. Parking will be limited.
- The Citizen Information Line is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Citizens may call (850) 983-INFO (4636) with questions.
- Updated building permit information is available at <http://santarosa.fl.gov/emi/>
- The Santa Rosa County Mosquito Department resumed a full fogging schedule on **Monday, May 5**. The spray schedule is available online at <http://santarosa.fl.gov/mosquito/index.cfm>.
- Dangerous road conditions can be reported to the Santa Rosa County Road and Bridge Department at (850) 626-0191.
- A list of closed roads is available online at <http://santarosa.fl.gov/roads/closures.cfm>

### **Debris**

Crews from the Santa Rosa Public Works department are picking up sorted debris placed curbside beginning. Residents who do not live in the cities of Gulf Breeze or Milton can call (850) 626-0191 to schedule a pickup.

- Flood debris **must be placed on the curb by Sunday, May 18**.
- Residents should avoid placing debris near power poles, fire hydrants, water meters, mail boxes or other utilities. Crews are not allowed on private property so all debris must be in the right-of-way area, typically the area from a power pole to the curb.
- Debris must be sorted and placed curbside in the following categories:
  - Construction & demolition debris – furniture, carpet, tile, steel, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt roofing material, pipe, gypsum wallboard, lumber or anything used in the construction, renovation, and demolition of a structure.
  - White goods – washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges, microwaves, water heaters, freezers, small AC units
  - Electronics – T.V.s, computers, monitors, fax machines, stereos, speakers, etc.
- No engine or cooking oil, gasoline, paint, antifreeze, oil filters, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, batteries, helium tanks, propane bottles, pool cleaners or other household hazardous waste will be collected. These items can be disposed of at no charge year round, Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at the entrance of the Central Landfill, 6337 Da Lisa Road in Milton.

### **Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army's laundry truck is available at the First Baptist Church of Gulf Breeze, 555 Fairpoint Drive in Gulf Breeze for flood survivors to wash their clothing on Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **FEMA Assistance**

Residents can start the FEMA assistance process by calling the toll free number, registering online or visiting a **Disaster Recovery Center**.

- Two FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers are open in Santa Rosa County. A Disaster Recovery Center is a mobile office where applicants may go for information about FEMA or other disaster assistance programs, or for questions related to an assistance case.
  - Gulf Breeze Community Center, 800 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze.
  - Pensacola State College, Milton Campus, 5988 Hwy. 90, Milton
  - The hours of operation are Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Monday –Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Affected individuals and business owners in designated areas can begin the disaster application process by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by using a web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Disaster assistance applicants who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY should call 1-800-462-7585 directly and those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) should call 1-800-621-3362. These toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.
- As of 8 a.m. May 12, 961 Santa Rosa County residents applied for federal assistance.

### Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program

- Florida's Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program has been activated. The program will provide emergency, short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa counties to assist in re-establishing business during the interim period before other aid and insurance claims are processed.
- Owners of small businesses with two to 100 employees in counties impacted by the spring 2014 North Florida Severe Storms and Flooding Event may apply for short-term loans of \$1,000 to \$25,000 through June 29, 2014. Loans are granted in terms of 90 or 180 days and are interest-free for that time period.
- To complete an application, or for more information on the program, visit [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org). For questions regarding local administration of the Emergency Bridge Loan Program, contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network State Office at (850) 473-7800 or toll-free at (866) 737-7232.

### Unemployment Assistance

- Individuals who have lost their jobs or businesses in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties as a result of severe storms and flooding during April 28, 2014 through May 6, 2014 may be entitled to Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits.
- DUA applications must be filed no later than June 9.
- To file a DUA claim, call 1-800-681-8102. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

### Other Assistance

- Residents who have unmet needs such as housing, food, clothing or other essential services, are asked to contact the Citizen Information Center at (850) 983-INFO (4636) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Residents who need volunteer assistance with their home repairs and cleanup
  - **Residents south of the Yellow River** please call (850) 490-7399 or visit the Volunteer Reception Center located at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church, Fairpoint Campus, 75 Fairpoint Drive in Gulf Breeze from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - **Residents north of the Yellow River** please contact the United Way of Santa Rosa County at (850) 623-4507

### Volunteers

- Volunteers, both individual and groups, are urgently needed to help with flooding relief duties.
- Individuals or groups wishing to volunteer:
  - For projects south of the Yellow River please call (850) 490-7406 or visit the Volunteer Reception Center located at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church, Fairpoint Campus, 75 Fairpoint Drive in Gulf Breeze to register between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- For projects north of the Yellow River please contact the United Way of Santa Rosa County at (850) 623-4507 or online at [www.unitedwaysrc.org](http://www.unitedwaysrc.org).

**Donations**

- The United Way of Santa Rosa County is the coordinating point for donations in Santa Rosa County.
- **ALL** individuals or groups who would like to make donations should call (850) 623-4507.

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