

Safety & Evacuation

Flood Terms

Flood

- A flood occurs at least 6 hours after the end of a heavy rainfall and can last days or weeks; a flood is typically gradual and predictable in duration and location

Flash Flood

- A flash flood occurs within 6 hours of a heavy rainfall; a flash flood is unpredictable in duration and location and has raging torrents that wipe away everything in its path

Flood Advisory

- Heavy rainfall may produce pooling water along streets or low-lying areas, however there is no immediate threat of danger

Watch

- Conditions are favorable for a flood or flash flood; a flood is expected but not occurring at present time
- **Plan** for the possibility of a flood by turning on the local news, weather channel, or radio station

Warning

- A flood or flash flood is occurring or imminent
- **Protect** yourself and others from the flood and evacuate immediately if advised

Flood Warning Signals

- Heavy rainfall
- Fast flowing and rising streams, creeks, and rivers
- Consecutive storms
- Pooling water along streets or in low-lying areas

Flood Zones

- **Northwest Florida Water Management District: Flood Information Portal**
 - This online map enables residents to locate nearby streams and flood hazard lines, as well as determine the flood hazard category of their address
 - <http://portal.nwfwmdfloodmaps.com/>

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Glossary	
Flood Zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A ▪ AE ▪ AH ▪ AO 	Flood insurance is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located within a 100-year floodplain, resulting in a high risk of flooding ▪ Have at least a 1% chance of flooding each year
Flood Zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ V ▪ VE 	Flood insurance is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located within a 100-year floodplain, resulting in a high risk of flooding

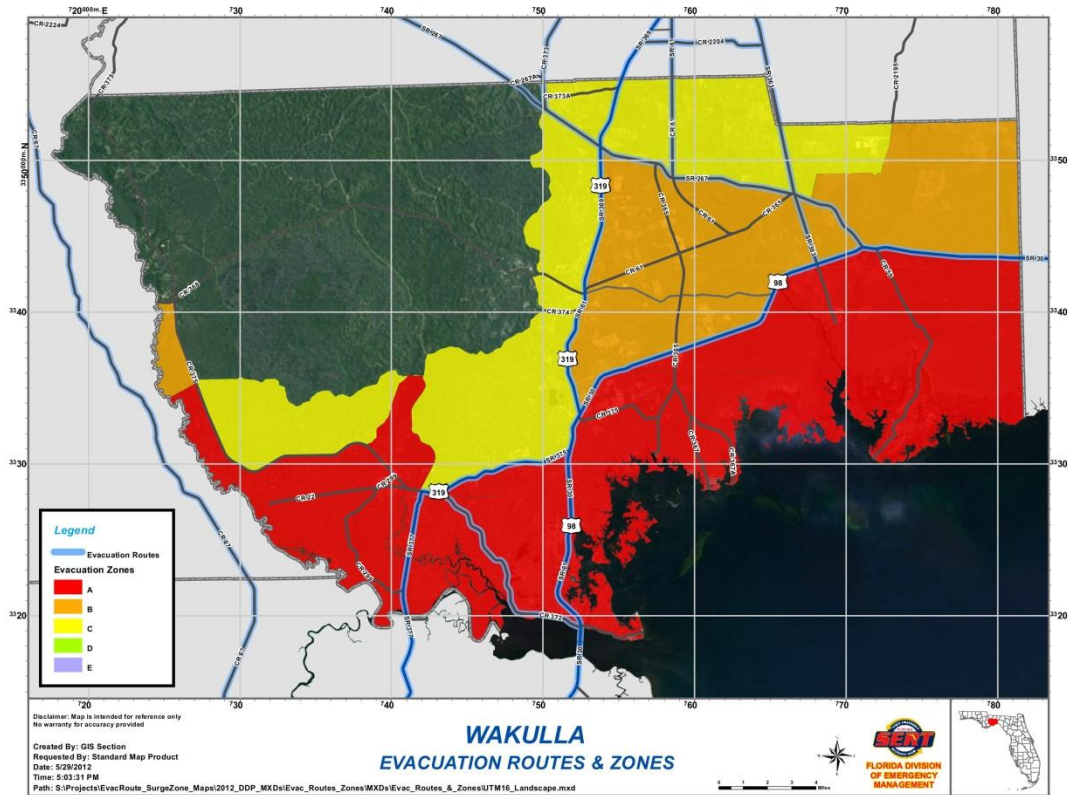
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have at least a 1% chance of flooding each year ▪ Risk damages from coastal storm waves
Flood Zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ X500 	Flood insurance is recommended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located within a 500-year floodplain, resulting in a moderate risk of flooding ▪ Have at most a 1% chance of flooding each year
Flood Zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ X 	Flood insurance is recommended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located outside of a 100-year and 500-year floodplain, resulting in a low to moderate risk of flooding
Base Flood Elevation (BFE)	The elevation that flood water from a 100-year flood is expected to reach in a given flood zone
Floodplain	Any land that is susceptible to a flood
100-year floodplain	Land that has a 1% chance of being flooded each year
500-year floodplain	Land that has 0.2 – 1% chance of being flooded each year

Shelter Locations

- **FloridaDisaster**
 - Provides a webpage for shelter information, including special needs sheltering, within the state of Florida. A link for Shelter Status also details which shelters are currently open during an emergency
 - <http://www.floridadisaster.org/shelters/>
- Call the Shelter Information Hotline at **(850)-402-5656** to determine which shelters are open during the flood
- Register with the Wakulla County Emergency Management for transportation assistance **(850) 745-7100** if needed.
- Red Cross Shelter in Wakulla County
 - Crawfordville Elementary School, 379 Arran Rd, Crawfordville

Evacuation Routes

- **FloridaDisaster.org**
 - Provides information on evacuation routes leaving Wakulla County
 - http://www.floridadisaster.org/publicmapping/Evac/EVAC_WAKULLA.pdf



- **Florida 511**

- This website and telephone service updates users on road closures and major evacuation routes due to flooding. When website users register a phone number, custom evacuation routes are given per address provided.
- www.fl511.com
- Call **#511** before, during, or after a flood to get real-time evacuation routes and road closures

Flood Safety Precautions

- Tune into local news channels and radio stations for real-time flood status
 - Prepare a family disaster plan
 - Compile a flood preparation kit with items such as nonperishable food, water, clothing, medicine, cash, batteries, radio and flashlight, and pet supplies
 - Keep a full tank of gas in your car
 - Move furniture and personal objects to the highest level by lifting them or moving them to a second story
 - Maintain an inventory of important household items and valuables
 - Keep important papers and medication in a safe place
- **American Red Cross**
 - This website provides information on preparing for, responding to, and recovering after a flood. The American Red Cross also provides a list of items for compiling a flood preparation kit.
 - <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood>