

In the event of a natural disaster, personnel at Georgia Pines wants to ensure that all individuals served have the resources needed to ensure optimal health and safety. Please review the storm preparedness tips and resources below:

Hurricane Preparedness checklist (from FEMA)

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Water: one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days (drinking and sanitation)	Food: at least a 3 day supply of nonperishable and easy-prep food - Examples: canned goods, dry cereal, bread, ready to eat canned soups and meats, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, seasoning, oats, canned juices)
Prescription medications and glasses	Important family documents (stored in a waterproof, portable
	container) - Examples: Copies of insurance policies, identification & bank records
Cash or traveler's checks and change	Manual Can opener for food
Emergency reference material such as first aid book or information from www.ready.gov	Local maps
Sleeping bag or warm blankets for each person	Fully charged cell phone (with backup batteries/charging source)
Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes.	Baby supplies: Diapers, wipes, formula or baby food, bottles, rash ointments
Fire extinguisher	Pet supplies: pet food, leash and collar, water/food bowls, carrier
Matches in a waterproof container	Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
Mess kits, paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils, paper towels	Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children
Paper and pencil	Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper (to use as disinfectant and to treat water)
Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio (with tone alert and extra batteries)	Flashlight (with extra batteries)
First Aid Kit	First Aid Kit (continued)
With items including:	(6) antiseptic wipes
(20) adhesive bandages, various sizes	(2) germicidal hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based
(1) 5" x 9" sterile dressing	hand sanitizer.
(1) conforming roller gauze bandage	(2) pair large medical grade non-latex gloves.
(2) triangular bandages.	Adhesive tape, 2" width.
(2) 3 x 3 sterile gauze pads	Anti-bacterial ointment.
(2) 4 x 4 sterile gauze pads.	Cold pack.
(1) roll 3" cohesive bandage.	Scissors (small, personal).
Aspirin or nonaspirin pain relieve	CPR breathing barrier, such as a face shield.
Anti-diarrhea medication	

Storm Emergency Contact Information

- American Red Cross: 1-866-438-4636, RedCross.org
- FEMA:1-800-525-0321, FEMA.gov
- Contact your local utility company to report a power outage



Colquitt: 229-985-3620
Decatur: 229-248-0529
Grady: 229-377-3653
Mitchell: 229-436-0336
Seminole: 229-524-2141
Thomas: 229-227-7001

Storm Shelters

- Colquitt: Shelter in the Storm, 306 Moultrie Rd. Moultrie, GA 31705; 229-669-1697
- Decatur: Decatur County Community Action Council, 1732 Bethel Rd. Bainbridge, GA 39817; 229-246-3119
- **Grady**: Habitat for Humanity, 140 1st Ave. NE. Cairo, GA 39828; 229-377-3653
- Mitchell: Mitchell County Community Action Agency, 165 West Circle Dr., Camilla GA 31730; 229-336-5795
- Seminole: Seminole Community Action Agency, 1123 E. Third St. Donalsonville, GA 39845; 229-524-5494
- Thomas: Survive-A-Storm Tornado Shelter, 1207 Sunset Dr. Thomasville, GA 31792; 229-226-0911

Friendly Reminders

- Reach out to your assigned case manager to keep them updated so that they may link you to additional resources to meet your needs.
- To ensure Georgia Pines staff are able to reach you after the storm, please ensure that Releases of Information through Georgia Pines are updated with emergency and/or temporary contacts. Please see your assigned case manager to sign these forms.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please use the following resources

- Georgia Crisis and Access Line: 1-800-715-4225
- Suicide Prevention Line: 1-800-273-8225
- Behavioral Health Crisis Center: 229-225-3917; 525 Cassidy Rd. Thomasville, GA 31792
- Crisis text line: text 741741

Once the storm has passed, please walk-in or contact Georgia Pines to continue services

- Colguitt County Mental Health: 615 N. Main St. Moultrie, GA 31768; 229-891-7374
- Decatur County Mental Health: 1005 Washington St. Bainbridge, GA 39819; 229-248-2683
- Mitchell County Mental Health: 339 Pride St. Pelham, GA 31779; 229-294-6510
- Thomas County Mental Health: 1102 Smith Ave. Thomasville, GA 31792; 229-225-5208

Please see the attached Family Emergency Communication Plan. It may be a good idea to laminate this card to avoid damage during a natural disaster.

Best Regards,

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