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**GADSDEN COUNTY IS PREPARED FOR HURRICANE IDALIA
ANNOUNCES OFFICE CLOSURES AND SERVICE CHANGES**

GADSDEN COUNTY, Fla – Due to potentially severe weather from Hurricane Idalia, Gadsden County Governmental Offices will be closed on Wednesday, August 30.

Hurricane Idalia is projected to make landfall in the Big Bend region as a major hurricane. Residents should prepare for impacts, including sustained high winds and heavy rain, which could cause downed trees, localized flooding, flash flooding, blocked roads, and electric outages. The County’s Public Works Crew and Gadsden County First Responders stand ready to respond when possible.

First Responders, including the Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office, Gadsden County Emergency Medical Services, and Gadsden County Fire, will not respond to emergency calls once winds reach 35 miles per hour. Calls will still be accepted by dispatch and the Emergency Operation Center; however, response will only resume once conditions are safe.

Closed Wednesday, August 30, 2023

- Gadsden County offices
- Gadsden County libraries
- Gadsden County Mosquito Control
- Gadsden County Animal Control
- Gadsden County Parks

Gadsden County residents are encouraged to follow their emergency preparedness plan.

The following includes a list of resources for disaster planning in Florida:

- FloridaDisaster.org contains a summary of currently open general and special needs shelters within the State of Florida.
- The [Visit Florida](http://VisitFlorida) website contains current travel safety information as well as resources for hotel and lodging availability across the state of Florida.
- The [American Red Cross shelter directory](http://AmericanRedCrossshelterdirectory) contains a list of currently open American Red Cross shelters across the country.

Residents requiring more information or assistance should call Gadsden County Emergency Management at (850) 875-8903. Additionally, residents can sign up for emergency text alerts at Text AlertGadsden to 888777 for accurate and up-to-date weather and emergency alerts.