

City of Lake Alfred – Emergency Preparedness & Response FAQ

This page is provided to comply with SB180 and ensure residents of Lake Alfred have clear, accessible emergency preparation and response information. Please review the following Frequently Asked Questions:

Evacuation

How will I know if I need to evacuate?

Lake Alfred will issue evacuation notices through Polk County Emergency Management, CodeRED alerts, social media, and the city website.

Where are the local shelters?

Residents can find Polk County shelter locations, including pet-friendly options, on the county's emergency management website and linked city updates.

General Safety Tips

What general safety steps should I follow during emergencies?

Stay indoors during severe weather, avoid flooded roadways, and always keep a family emergency plan and go-bag ready.

Generated Power (Generators)

What should I know about using generators safely?

Never use generators indoors or in enclosed spaces. Place them at least 20 feet away from doors, windows, and vents. Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords.

Food and Potable Water

How much food and water should I store?

Store at least a 3-day supply of food and 1 gallon of water per person per day. After storms, check the city website for boil water notices and updates.

Debris Cleanup

How will debris be collected after a storm?

The city will announce debris collection points and schedules. Separate vegetative debris from construction debris and place them curbside (not in bags).

Accessing Public Assistance

How do I access public assistance after a storm?

Residents should contact Polk County Emergency Management and register with FEMA at www.disasterassistance.gov. City Hall and the Fire Department will also provide assistance points of contact.

Additional Resources:

- Polk County Emergency Management
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- FEMA – www.disasterassistance.gov
- Lake Alfred Fire Department (non-emergency line)
- Lake Alfred Police Department (non-emergency line)
- City Hall emergency contact information