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MARION COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPARES FOR TROPICAL STORM ELSA

Marion County, Florida (July 5, 2021)-Officials with the Marion County Division of Emergency Management are working around the clock to ensure Marion County citizens are prepared for Tropical Storm Elsa. Emergency Management officials are working with local and state partners on all levels to ensure Marion County is prepared for any potential impacts of this storm. Currently, this storm is projected to impact Marion County beginning Tuesday evening, July 6th. Residents should be prepared for possible downed trees and power lines along with severe thunderstorm-like weather.

Officials urge residents to keep in mind that this is a rapidly changing system and new information may be put out as they see changes affecting Marion County. Residents are encouraged to prepare their homes by securing outdoor furniture and items such as trampolines. Sandbag operations will begin today for residents in western portions of Marion County at the following locations:

Souls Harbor Church
11808 N. Ohio Street
Dunnellon, FL 34431

Martel Recycling Center
296 SW 67th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474

There are no anticipated shelter openings at this time. Residents that live in western portions of Marion County and live in a RV or manufactured housing are encouraged to seek shelter in site-built housing.

Emergency Management will be opening its citizen information lines at 8:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 6th, to help answer any questions the public may have. That number is 352-369-7500.

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To receive the latest updates regarding severe weather in your specific area, sign up for AlertMarion at www.AlertMarion.com. This is a free service for Marion County residents.

With the potential for power outages, residents that are medically dependent on power for oxygen machines should make preparations now in the event that power is temporarily lost.

To report power outages, contact your local service provider:

SECO - (352) 793-3801

Ocala Electric - (352) 351-6666

Clay Electric - 1-888-434-9844

Duke Energy - 1-800-228-8485

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