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The City of Bonita Springs asks residents to take action to prepare as tropical activity increases.

Bonita Springs, October 6, 2024 – Governor DeSantis has declared a State of Local Emergency for Lee County. The City is working closely with our partner agencies, Lee County Government, Lee County Emergency Management, Florida Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and the National Hurricane Center as the storm moves toward Florida. With heightened tropical activity, we encourage residents to take steps to prepare for Tropical Storm Milton.

#### Preparedness Tips

1. Create a Hurricane Preparedness Plan: Make sure your family knows what to do before, during, and after a storm.
2. Sign Up for Alerts: Stay informed with emergency notifications through AlertLee, an emergency notification system that keeps you informed through phone, text, and/or email.
3. Review your Evacuation Zone and Flood Zone. Review the All Hazards Guide.
4. Stay Updated:
  - Visit The City of Bonita Springs Website for Storm Preparedness Information
  - Visit [www.leegov.com](http://www.leegov.com) and check out our updated storm newsletter for detailed information.
  - Monitor local media outlets, the National Weather Service-Tampa, and the National Hurricane Center.
  - Download the LeePrepares app from Google Play or the App Store.
5. Have a plan:

- Double check your Family Emergency Plan and an Emergency Supply Kit.
- o Find tips at [www.leegov.com/hurricane](http://www.leegov.com/hurricane).
- o Your Family Emergency Plan should include where you would evacuate – like a family member’s or friend’s home or a community outside the area.
- o Your Family Emergency Plan should include a list of steps, such as securing loose items in your yard and ensuring your shutters are up. Review this list now and ensure you have what you need on hand as you continue to monitor the tropics.
- o If you or your family member is in need use of a Special Needs Shelter during a severe weather event visit the Special Needs Shelter website to learn more about the program and to register:  
[www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/shelters/specialneedsprogram](http://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/shelters/specialneedsprogram)

In the event of heavy rain, it will take the infrastructure time to drain. Please use caution and don’t drive through flooded roads. If the roadway is covered with water, take another route. Stay safe and be prepared! For more information, visit [www.cityofbonitasprings.org](http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org). Follow the City of Bonita Springs on Facebook.

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