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Leon County Prepares for Tropical Storm Fay Sandbags Will Be Available

A flood watch has been issued for late Thursday night through Saturday evening for portions of Florida and Georgia, including Leon County. Fay is expected to bring an extended period of heavy rain to the area, and those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop.

Leon County will distribute sandbags for public use at four locations beginning at 1pm today. These locations are:

- US 27 North Landing located near Lake Jackson, .5 miles south of Capital Circle Northwest/US 27 intersection
- Rancho Road at Oak Ridge Road
- Tekesta Park located at Tekesta Drive and Deer Lake Road in Killlearn Lakes
- US 27 South (Apalachee Parkway) at the Solid Waste Management Facility at the multi-purpose fields.

County staff will be on-site to assist residents in loading sandbags, and a 15-bag limit will be applied.

The City of Tallahassee will also be providing sandbags to residents. Residents must bring their own shovels and be prepared to load sand into bags themselves. A 25-bag limit will apply at the City locations. The City's sandbag distribution will be at the following locations:

- Mabry & Bellevue
- Mitchell Ave. at Winthrop Park
- Dade Street Community Center

Property owners who have experienced flooding problems in the past can use sandbags to help protect stormwater from entering their property. A flyer describing the most effective placement of sandbags will be distributed at the County sites to assist residents as they prepare their homes and/or property for potential flooding. It is recommended that residents get their sandbags prior to severe weather.

Residents are reminded not to drive or attempt to walk through floodwaters. Families are also encouraged to have an emergency preparedness plan. For assistance with planning, log on to www.haveahurricaneplan.com.

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