



News Release

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- Pensacola Naval Air Station is closed until further notice.
- The Escambia County Sheriff's Office has confirmed seven (7) storm-related deaths.
- The Pensacola Bay Bridge is still closed until it can be inspected.
- The Bob Sikes Bridge has sustained some damage and remains closed.
- Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) reports that the Main Street Sewer Plant remains down, however, the Bayou Marcus plant is operating.
- Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) is asking citizens to report water leaks. Citizens may call the main ECUA number at 476-5110 or they can call 595-3394 to report the leaks.
- BellSouth is reporting approximately 156,700 people are without service in their northwest network area which is comprised of Bay, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa counties. They are working to repair service as soon as possible. Customers wishing to call BellSouth for repair service may use the following number: Residential repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 611; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside of Florida, dial 1-800-432-1424. Business repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 866-620-6900; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside Florida, dial 1-800-252-0803.
- Gulf Power is reporting 137,963 customers in Escambia County are without power. They are bringing in more than 1,800 outside workers to aid in the restoration efforts. These crews will be working in Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington counties. They are asking for, need and appreciate everyone's patience and support.
- The Red Cross has announced that 9 Shelters are still in use. They are also looking for Volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 432-7601.

- The Escambia County Health Department reminds everyone that we are still under a Boil Water Notice.
- Emergency Management Officials need available County personnel to work phone lines in the Citizens Information Center. Please call 595-3344 to sign up.
- Perdido Landfill will open at noon, Friday, September 17, 2004. Oak Grove Convenience Station will remain closed.
- The Escambia County Equestrian Center reports that all horses are doing fine. Residents can check on their horses during normal hours.
- Governor Jeb Bush will be visiting the area Friday, September 17, 2004. He will visit the shelter at the Pensacola Civic Center from 9:05 am to 9:50 am.

Citizen Information Line
(850) 595-3344