

As Tropical Storm Helene, the eighth named storm of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, makes its way towards Florida, here is what people in Lake County need to know about evacuations, school closings, shelters, and sandbag locations.

Lake County Evacuations

No evacuations have been announced.

Lake County Closings

- **All Lake County Board of County Commissioners will be closed on Thursday, Sept. 27, and will reopen on Friday, Sept. 28.**
- **Lake County trash collection will be suspended on Thursday, Sept. 27.**
- **St. Johns River and Pearl Street boat ramps are closed until the storm passes.**

Lake County Sandbags

Sandbag locations will open on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., or until weather conditions become unsafe. Bags and sand will be available at each site. Residents need to bring a shovel and will need to fill their own bags.

- **East Lake Sports and Community Complex 24809 Wallick Rd Sorrento**
- **North Lake Regional Park 40730 Roger Giles Rd Umatilla**
- **Astor Fire Station 1023023 State Road 40 Astor**
- **Minneola Athletic Complex 1300 Fosgate Road (13930 Education Ave) Minneola**
- **PEAR Gateway Park (Front Entrance) 26701 US Hwy 27 Leesburg**
- **Four Corners Fire Station 11216240 CR 474 Clermont**
- **Hickory Point Recreation Complex 27315 SR 19 Tavares**

Municipal Sandbag Locations

- **City of Mount Dora (Limit: 10 sandbags) Frank Brown Sports Complex 1245 E. Pine Ave, Mount Dora 09/24 until 7 p.m. 09/25 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**
- **City of Tavares (Limit: 10 sandbags) Tavares OLD Fire Station 424 East Alfred St Tavares Open 24 hours**

Lake County School closings

Lake County schools will be open on Wednesday, Sept. 25, and closed on Thursday, Sept. 26. A decision about Friday, Sept. 27, has not yet been made.

- **Duke Energy 800-228-8485**
- **SECO 352 793-3801**
- **Lake Apopka Natural Gas 407-656-2734**
- **Visit <https://c.lakecountyfl.gov/storm> for more information.**