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CCUA Prepares for Hurricane Milton

Office Closures: October 9th & 10th



MIDDLEBURG, Fla., October 8, 2024 – The Clay County Utility Authority (CCUA) continues to closely monitor Hurricane Milton. Current weather models are indicating it will make landfall in Florida on late Wednesday or early Thursday. Due to Hurricane Milton, our office will be closed on Wednesday, October 9th and Thursday, October 10th.

CCUA recently executed a disaster response plan for Hurricane Helene by holding readiness meetings, ensuring chemical balances for water treatment, fueling utility vehicles, and preparing for sustained outages. Internal and field staff are prepared to assist with potential customer emergency outages and plan to be on site at the Clay County Emergency Operations Center to manage hurricane coverage.

After Hurricane Helene, CCUA assisted the nearby Town of Jennings. About 10 CCUA staff members helped work on lift stations, maintain water and wastewater plants, assist with water leaks, and clear access to their facilities by moving down trees. CCUA also assisted the Town of Jennings during Hurricane Idalia in 2023.

CCUA customers can prepare for Hurricane Milton by:

- Checking supply kits.
- Reviewing household weather emergency plans.
- Stocking at least one gallon of water per day for each person and pet.
- Following CCUA on social media to look for updates.
- Signing up for Clay County Emergency Management alerts.
- DO NOT: Open manhole covers to drain street flooding.

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CCUA offices will be closed on Wednesday, October 9th and Thursday, October 10th, due to Hurricane Milton and will reopen at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, October 11th. If you have an emergency, our on-call staff is available 24/7 to assist customers with water and wastewater emergencies by calling 904-272-5999.

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About Clay County Utility Authority (CCUA)

CCUA is a public utility that manages over 55,000 customer accounts (in the unincorporated area of Clay County and parts of Duval and Bradford Counties) and has nearly 200 employees. We also maintain over 200 pump stations, 22 water treatment facilities, and 7 wastewater treatment plants and 1,500 miles of utility pipe. CCUA is an Independent Special District, created by the Florida Legislature in 1994. Our organization is working to protect public health, conserve natural resources, and create long-term value for our ratepayers.

Learn more about CCUA online at <u>www.clayutility.org</u> and connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and \underline{X} to learn more about our mission.