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**Lee County Government and Fire Rescue Department partners to help people to check on family and friends after Hurricane Milton post-landfall**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 9, 2024 – Lee County Government and local Fire Rescue Departments have partnered to provide welfare checks to help out-of-area people check in on family and friends in Lee County after Hurricane Milton passes. The partnership was announced tonight just after the storm made landfall north of Lee County.

People need only to email [WelfareStormChecks@leegov.com](mailto:WelfareStormChecks@leegov.com) with the following information about the people they wish to check on:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number

The email requesting welfare checks will be directed to the local Fire Rescue Departments for follow-up. The number of requests may be significant, so residents are asked to be patient.

To watch a video about the welfare check program, go to Lee County Government's YouTube channel. The video is available in two languages. To watch in English, visit <https://youtu.be/d95-3nZMaTY>. To watch in Spanish, go to <https://youtu.be/DARRB57eVc>.

For additional storm-related information, log on to [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm). To receive updates from Lee County Government, sign up for the newsletter here: [www.leegov.com/resources/newsletters](http://www.leegov.com/resources/newsletters). Follow Lee County Government on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc](http://www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc).