

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Each year Florida residents need to be ready for the effects of a hurricane or other severe weather. Being prepared for emergencies, such as a hurricane, can reduce the anxiety, fear and major inconvenience brought on by such a situation. As residents of Florida we've each developed a Hurricane Plan for our home and family. We'd like to help you develop the plan that meets your individual needs.

Our government agencies are a great resource for information, look in the Important Contact Information section below for their names and ways to get in touch with them.

TIPS:

Here are a few suggestions to get your started.

- ✔ Create a Hurricane Supply Kit of emergency supplies. Include a hand operated can opener, paper plates, disposal cups/utensils and trash bags.
- ✔ Store non-perishable food items (minimum 3-5 day supply).
- ✔ Store at least one gallon per person per day for three to five days, preferably two weeks. Extra water is needed for preparing food and for personal hygiene.
- ✔ Have a two week supply of any medications that you take regularly.
- ✔ Remember to provide for your pets needs
- ✔ Battery operated radio and extra batteries.
- ✔ Flashlight and extra batteries.
- ✔ Make a plan now for what to do if you and your pets need to evacuate.
- ✔ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- ✔ Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- ✔ Have at least a two-week supply of your medications.
- ✔ Fill up the fuel tank of all vehicles and gas grills.
- ✔ Have cash on hand; ATM machines do not always work after a storm.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- ❖ Broward County Emergency Management Agency (954) 831-3900
<http://www.broward.org/disaster/>
- ❖ Palm Beach County Emergency Management Agency (561) 712-6400
<http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/>
- ❖ St. Lucie County Emergency Management Agency (772) 461-5201
<http://www.stlucieco.gov/eoc/>
- ❖ American Red Cross
http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_253_,00.html
- ❖ Federal Emergency Management Agency www.fema.gov
- ❖ Florida Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/>