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Hurricane Preparedness



1 BEFORE A STORM

Before Hurricane Season Starts YOU SHOULD:

Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit.

These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location.

Write out your Family Disaster Plan.

Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area. Identify an out-of-town family contact. For a comprehensive plan visit: www.floridadisaster.org.

2 HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

When a Hurricane Watch is issued YOU SHOULD:

Check your Disaster Supply Kit.

Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit. Replenish your water.

Activate your Family Disaster Plan.

Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time (for example, boarding up or leaving a barrier island).

3 HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

When a Hurricane Warning is issued YOU SHOULD:

Ready your Disaster Supply Kit for use.

If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit with you.

Use your Family Disaster Plan.

Your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

- Conduct an annual insurance review.
- Create your evacuation plan. Prepare to follow county orders to evacuate!
- Refill prescriptions to ensure 14 day supply.
- Exchange contact information with neighbors and family and find out who's evacuating.
- Take pictures of interior/exterior of your home for insurance purposes.
- Remove/Secure lawn ornaments.
- Get cash, keep it in a safe place. ATM's won't work in a power outage.
- Wash dirty laundry. It may be days before it can be done again.
- Clean all coolers with a 50/50 water-bleach solution and air dry.
- Make sure all cell phones are charged.
- Test all radios and fix, replenish batteries as necessary.
- Test flashlights (batteries and bulbs) -- one flashlight per person.
- Board all windows. Don't waste valuable time taping your windows.
- Call your utility providers to determine if power/gas should be turned off in your home.
FPL # 1-800-226-3545 City Gas# 1-800-752-1800
- If sandbags are not available in your city, trash bags work well when filled with dirt.
- Test your generator and secure enough gasoline to last for at least 72 hours. Please remember - DO NOT use your generator indoors.
- Make sure to start up and test your grill before a storm. Secure enough propane or charcoal to last you for at least 72 hours. Please remember - DO NOT use your grill indoors.
- Bring all patio/lawn furniture inside.
- Make arrangements for care of pets. *You must pre-register.*
- Collect valuables, medications, insurance and bank account information, and things you will need for at least 3 days. Keep in a waterproof container and be prepared to take it if you are evacuating.
- Secure your home - brace garage doors, lock windows and doors. Remove dead branches from trees. Board or shutter windows. If you have an exterior TV antenna or satellite dish - disconnect & secure. Remove roof turbines and securely cover the holes where they were installed. Check for loose or damaged shingles and seal around flashings, chimneys or vent pipes. Make sure ridge vents are secure. Check for loose and clogged gutters and downspouts.
- Keep all receipts and documentation related to your hurricane season expenses.

Brevard 

2-1-1TM

Get Connected. Get Answers.

For information before, during & after a hurricane, contact 2-1-1 Brevard by dialing 2-1-1 or 632-6688. Operators are available 24-hours a day.

For emergencies only dial 9-1-1.

Disaster Supply Kit

First Aid	Fire extinguishers
First Aid Kit	Prescription medications
Anti-diarrhea medication	Baby food, formula diapers
Antiseptic Ointment	Pet food
Aspirin	Cash
Bacitracin	Heavy work gloves
Butterfly bandages	Maps
Calamine lotion	Disposable eating utensils
Cotton swabs	Non-electric can opener
Disinfectant Spray	Matches in a waterproof container
Elastic bandage	Aluminum Foil
Eye drops	Plastic storage containers
Insect repellent	Wrench to turn off utilities
Latex Gloves	Whistle
Laxatives	Feminine supplies
Scissors	
Sharp Knife	Important Documents
Soap	Wills
Over the Counter meds for colds, cough and allergies	Insurance policies
Cotton balls	Contracts/Deeds
Sunscreen	Stocks and bonds
Thermometer	Passports
Tweezers	Social security cards
	Immunization records
Supplies	Bank account and credit card numbers
Have 1 gallon of water per person per day	Company contact numbers
Battery powered radio	Inventory of valuable household goods
Flashlights	Important telephone numbers
Batteries	Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
Cooking supplies	
Blankets, towels, pillows, Toilet articles	
Thick plastic sheeting, Nails, boards, duct tape	
Heavy shoes to protect from nail punctures	
Tire repair kit	
Bleach for sterilization	
Plastic containers for water	
Zipper seal bags and garbage bags	

Brevard Shelter Locations:

Brevard County Shelter locations are listed in your phone book. Call 2-1-1 Brevard to confirm which shelters the EOC has activated and which ones still have space. Don't wait until the last minute. Shelters can fill up quickly! **CALL 2-1-1 to see which shelters are open .**

Special Needs Shelter:

You *must pre-register and be medically screened* to utilize a special needs facility. To get signed up call **637-6670**. To qualify you must have a health or medical condition that meets the County's program criteria and/or need transportation assistance during an evacuation.

Pet Shelters:

Brevard County Animal Services offers several options for people with pets. One option is to bring your pets with you when you evacuate – never leave your pets outside during a storm. Most public shelters do not currently accept pets but if you wish to register at the Port St. John pet-friendly shelter call **633-2024**. If you plan on sheltering your pets at a kennel or a clinic, call before evacuating to determine if space is available. More information is available on the internet: www.brevardanimalservices.com.

Disaster Assistance Numbers:

FEMA ----- 1-800-621-3362
 DFS Storm Hotline ----- 1-800-22-STORM
 (1-800-227-8676)
 State of Florida Energy
 Operations ----- 1-800-342-3557
 FL Statewide Consumer
 Helpline----- 1-800-342-2762

Shelter-in-Place

The following websites provide valuable information regarding preparing a room inside your home for in-place sheltering:

- www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/howto/index.shtm#4
- www.floridadisaster.org
- www.stormsurvival.homestead.com/Hurricane_Safe_Room.html
- www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/shelterinplace.html
- DFS Hurricane Season Website: www.fldfs.com

Planning for a Shelter Stay:

Be sure to take enough food and supplies to last several days, including special diet foods, as food may not be readily available at the Shelter. This should include infant food/formula and diapers. The American Red Cross Space Coast Chapter recommends that you bring at least three (3) days worth of food and necessary medications with you to a shelter.

- Bring bottled water (2 qts/person/day) and other beverages/juices/soft drinks.
- Bring a manual can opener, eating utensils, paper plates, cups and napkins/paper towels.
- Have a 2 week supply of medications and a First Aid Kit.
- Have cash or travelers checks on hand.
- Bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, folding chairs. Bedding is NOT provided.
- Bring personal hygiene items/clothing.
- Bring a flashlight, battery powered radio/TV and spare batteries, cards, games, books and toys. DO NOT take pets (except Guide Dogs), alcoholic beverages or weapons of any kind to a public shelter.

Safe Drinking Water:

Liquid household bleach containing sodium hypochlorite (chlorine) will purify water.

It's important to know, however, that not all bleaches are the same for purifying water. To be safe and most effective, use "regular" full-strength bleach containing 5.25 percent sodium hypochlorite. Do not use scented bleach; it isn't 5.25%, plus it's more likely to have an off taste.

Use the following amount of 5.25% bleach to treat different amounts of clear and cloudy water. Stir to mix completely.

Amount of Water	Clear	Cloudy
2 liters	4 drops	1/8 t.
1 gallon	1/8 t.	1/4 t.
5 gallons	1/2 t.	1 t.

Let the water stand for 30 minutes. The water should have a slight chlorine odor. If it does not, add the same amount of bleach again and let the water stand for an additional 15 minutes.

Checksheet

Financial Obligations:

Having a record of your financial obligations can be extremely important to demonstrate your discretionary income and to qualify for income-based assistance following a disaster. Having the following information in your waterproof container can be very important:

- Mortgage Statement or Lease
- Utility Bills
- Student Loans
- Car Payment
- Child Support Payment
- Alimony Payment
- Credit Cards

Financial Account Information:

Make sure you have the name, address, phone number, account number and website for every loan or bank account you have.

Mortgage Information:

If your home is mortgaged, any insurance claim settlement will be made out to you and the mortgage holder. You will need to keep the mortgage holder informed of the repair process and a schedule of release of funds for repairs. Keep ALL receipts and invoices in a safe place.

Insurance Policies:

Make sure you have copies of your insurance policies if available and always have your policy numbers and telephone numbers to contact all of your insurance companies.

- Property Insurance
- Renters Insurance
- Auto Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Boaters Insurance
- Flood Insurance
- Hurricane Insurance
- Wind Only Insurance

The following forms are also helpful following a disaster:

- Previous Year's Tax Return
- Property Tax Statement
- Recent Pay Stubs for All Sources of Income
- Government Benefits
- Alimony
- Child Support

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites:

Hospitals:

Health First	
Cape Canaveral Hospital	(321) 799-7111
Holmes Regional Medical Center	(321) 434-7000
Palm Bay Community Hospital	(321) 434-8000
Parrish Medical Center	(321) 268-6111
Wuesthoff Health System	
Rockledge	(321) 636-2211
Melbourne	(321) 752-1200

Utilities:

Florida Power & Light (FPL)	
Outage Number	800-468-8243
BellSouth	888-764-2500
Brevard County Waste Management	(321) 636-6894
Brighthouse Networks	(321) 254-3300
(Orlando)	(407) 291-2500
City Gas	
(In case of a leak)	800-752-1800
(24-hour customer service)	800-752-1800

Law Enforcement:

Brevard County Sheriff's Department	(321) 264-5201
Florida Highway Patrol	(321) 690-3900

Non-Profit Aid Agencies:

America Red Cross Space Coast Chapter	(321) 723-7141
American Red Cross Missing Persons Locator (disaster only)*	866-438-4636
Salvation Army North/Central	(321) 632-6060
Salvation Army South	(321) 724-0494
North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	(321) 269-6555
Central Brevard Charities Sharing Center	(321) 631-0306
South Brevard Sharing Center	(321) 727-8581
Catholic Charities	(321) 636-6144

Federal Resources:

FEMA	800-621-3362
(or 1- 800-GET INFO)	

State Resources:

Florida Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline	800-646-0444
Florida Agricultural & Customer Services	800-435-7352
Florida Department of Insurance Financial Services/Hurricane Hotline	800-227-8676
Insurance Fraud Hotline	800-378-0445

Websites:

Emergency Management Brevard	www.embrevard.com
Florida Today Newspaper	www.floridatoday.com
United Way of Brevard	www.uwbrevard.org
American Red Cross	www.redcross.org/fl/brevard
National Hurricane Center	www.nhc.noaa.gov
Weather Channel	www.weather.com

Municipal Resources:

City of Cape Canaveral	868-1200
City of Cocoa	639-7550
City of Cocoa Beach	868-3217
City of Indianalantic	723-2242
City of Indian Harbour Beach	773-3181
City of Malabar	727-7764
City of Melbourne	727-2900
City of Melbourne Beach	724-5860
City of Palm Bay	952-3411
City of Rockledge	690-3978
City of Satellite Beach	773-4407
City of Titusville	383-5718
City of West Melbourne	727-7700
Town of Melbourne Village	723-8300
Town of Palm Shores	242-4555

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* For use outside Brevard to check on a family member here in Brevard.

Vital Account Information

The following information will be of the most importance immediately after a storm and will help expedite the filing of claims. Be sure to know what your insurance policies cover. It is a good idea to perform an annual review of the type and amount of coverage you have, to make sure you are adequately protected in the event of a loss.

Property Insurance

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____

Renter's Insurance

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____

Auto Insurance

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____

Health Insurance

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____

Life Insurance

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____

Other Insurance (*Boat, Windstorm, Flood, etc.*)

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____

Deductible: _____ Policy Date: _____