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2019 Guide to Hurricane Preparedness



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Hurricane Preparedness Notice

2019 Hurricane Season

Dear Residents,

Hurricane Season officially begun June 1st and ends November 30th. The following document is a *compilation of information from professional sources*, with the intention to inform and help you prepare for the hurricane season. At the footnote of each page you can find the link of the source, if you wish to read further about the topic. Moreover, we strongly recommend that you also take precautionary action in accordance with instructions from local authorities.

Please keep in mind that hurricanes, all associated weather, and tidal conditions are natural disasters. Management cannot be held responsible for any resulting property damage, interruption of utilities/services, or bodily injury.

In effort to assist our residents in preparing for hurricane season, we ask that you please read the information below thoroughly and be properly informed in the event of a hurricane.

Prior to a Hurricane:

- Listen to the City & County Warning System via radio or TV Stations. Make plans to relocate outside the affected area if warranted. Have the most up-to-date information on local hurricane shelters.
- If you choose to evacuate, please take your valuables, pets, refrigerated and frozen foods. Also please turn off all electrical appliances.
- Please remove all items from exterior balconies, terraces, patio. Also place rolled towels around the bottom of all exterior doors and windows.
- Close all blinds to avoid shattering glass. Do not tape any windows.
- Fill your tub with water. You may use this water for drinking should the water supply be come interrupted or contaminated.
- Stock up on necessities such as: non-perishable foods, bottled water, first aid items, batteries, flashlights and battery-powered radio to maintain yourself informed.
- Be advised that elevators will be shut-down on higher floors to avoid any water penetrating into such if floods were to occur.

During a Hurricane:

- ***STAY INDOORS!*** If the eye of the storm were to pass over the area, do not exit the building during the calm unless it is an absolute emergency.
- If the electrical power were to become interrupted, please disconnect all appliances from their sockets and use flashlights instead of candles or gas-powered lamps.
- Keep the opening and closing of the refrigerator and freezer to a minimal if power is interrupted.

After a Hurricane:

- If you evacuated your unit prior to the storm, please check with local authorities prior to returning to determine the state of roads and the surrounding area.
- Please keep an eye out for downed power lines. If you see any please report them immediately to the management team or directly to FPL.
- Please be patient and attentive to your building management team and staff. The clean up after a storm is a team effort that takes time and patience as everyone in the surrounding area is doing the same.

Your management team thanks you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please be safe.

Sincerely,
Management

Storm Categories

Tropical storm:

Sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph or higher

Tropical Storm Watch:

Tropical storm conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning:

Tropical storm conditions are expected, usually within 36 hours.

Hurricane:

Sustained winds of 74 mph or higher

Hurricane Watch:

Hurricane conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours.

Hurricane Warnings:

Hurricane conditions are expected, usually within 36 hours.

Saffir- Simpsons Hurricane Winds Scale

Category	Sustained Winds
1	74-95 mph 64-82 kt 119-153 km/h
2	96-110 mph 83-95 kt 154-177 km/h
3 (Major)	111-129 mph 96-112 kt 178-208 km/h
4 (Major)	130-156 mph 113-136 kt 209-251 km/h
5 (Major)	157 mph or higher 137 kt or higher 252 km/h or higher

Storm Surge Warning:

There is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours. If you are under a storm surge warning, check for evacuation orders from your local officials.

Hurricane Warning:

Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. NHC issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations. All preparations should be complete. Evacuate immediately if so ordered.

Tropical Storm Warning:

Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours.

Extreme Wind Warning:

Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or greater), usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

FEMA

Evacuation Guidelines

There may be conditions under which you will decide to get away or there may be situations when you are ordered to leave. Follow these guidelines for evacuation:

- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood. Use the Family Emergency Plan to decide these locations before a disaster.
- If you have a car, keep a full tank of gas in it if an evacuation seems likely. At least, keep a half tank of gas at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.

Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.

- Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.
- Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.
- If you do not have a car make arrangements with family, friends or your local government.
- Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.
- Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency.

If time allows:

- Call or email the out-of-state contact in your family communications plan. Tell them where you are going.

Secure your home by closing and locking doors and windows.

- Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions and small appliances. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding. If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving.
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that provides some protection such as long pants, long-sleeve shirts and a cap.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

Information from: [ready.org](https://www.ready.org)

Continue reading at: <https://www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family>

Pet-Friendly Evacuation

Pet Friendly Evacuation Centers:

Pet owners residing in qualified evacuation zones, unsafe structures or mobile homes can participate in the Pet-Friendly Evacuation Centers (PEC). Pet friendly evacuation centers accept more than just cats and dogs. They also accept birds, ferrets, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats and rabbits (small-sized, under 10 pounds, such as California or Dutch breeds). There are currently two centers that accept families with their pets during emergencies:

E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion
10901 SW 24th St.
Miami, FL 33165

Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High
1410 County Line Road
Miami, FL 33179

Note: Not all pet-friendly evacuation centers are open for every storm.

Requirements for admittance to Pet Friendly Evacuation Centers:

- Provide proof of residency within an evacuation zone
- Present medical and current vaccination records for each pet. Annual rabies vaccinations and a visible Miami-Dade County dog license are required by Miami-Dade County Code. Strict enforcement concerning these violations is essential to ensure a rabies-free community. Cats are also required to have annual rabies vaccinations.
- Pet owners must bring supplies for themselves and their pet(s)
- Limit four pets per household
- Family member must remain in the PEC with the pet(s)

Animal Services does not board animals during emergencies. The Pet Adoption and Protection Center will be crowded due to displaced animals immediately after a storm, and it is not possible to kennel owned animals prior to an emergency event.

Information from: Miami-Dade

Continue reading at <http://www.miamidade.gov/animals/disaster-preparedness.asp>

Emergency Contact List

Police Non-Emergency

Miami-Dade County 305-476-5423
Miami 305-579-6111

Answer Center Lines

City of Miami 311
Miami-Dade County Hotline 305-468-5900

State of Florida Emergency Information Line

800-342-3557 TTY:800-226-4329

Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program

Miami-Dade County 305-513-7700
TDD: 305-468-5402

Reporting Downed Utility Lines:

FPL

Dade 305-442-8770
Broward 954-797-5000

AT&T

All Areas 611
Customer Service (prior to the storm) 888-757-6500

Peoples Gas (TECO Energy)

Dade 305-940-0139
Broward 877-8326747

Human Services

Dialysis / Renal: ESRD Network of Florida (Network 7)
800-826-3773

Emergency Management Offices

City of Miami Fire-Rescue
Division of Emergency Management 305-416-5439
Miami-Dade County
Office of Emergency Management 305-468-5400
TDD: 468-5402

Governmental Agencies

City of Miami Building Department 305-416-1100
Florida Department of Insurance 800-342-2762
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Teleregister for Assistance 800-462-9029
National Flood Insurance Program 800-638-6620
Team Metro (Miami-Dade County) 305-468-5900

Animals

Animal Care and Control Offices 954-797-5000
Miami-Dade 305-884-1101
Humane Society 305-884-1101

Disaster Kit Checklist

Basic Supplies

- Drinking water per person for at least 3 to 7 days
- Water for sanitation
- Non-perishable snacks and packaged or canned food for at least 3 to 7 days
- Non-electric can opener
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Change of batteries
- Fully charged mobile phone with charger
- Change of clothing
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant Formula & Diapers
- Dust mask
- Local Maps
- Cash & change

Additional

- Rain gear and sturdy shoes
- Personal hygiene items
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Pet care items, including food & water
- Extra set of car keys
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for Children

Important Documentation:

All of your documents should be kept in a waterproof portable container or bag.

- List of family members, friends or neighbors and contact information
- Family physicians phone list
- Insurance Policies (auto, home, life, etc.)
- Medical records
- Medical device information (style and serial numbers)
- Bank account Records
- Identification
- Social Security card
- Current utility bill to prove residency should your area be secured due to damage