

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season begins June 1st and ends November 30th. In an effort to assist you in preparing for this hurricane season, we ask that all residents please read the following information thoroughly and be properly prepared.

HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION:

Stock up on daily necessities. Listed below are Hurricane supplies you should have:

Non-perishable foods	Manual can opener	Bleach
Bug spray and sunscreen	Battery powered radio	Extra Batteries
Fire extinguisher	Plastic trash bags	First aid kit
Blankets or sleeping bags	Protective clothing / rain gear	
Extra eyeglasses / hearing aids	Paper plates, cups, plastic silverware	
Backup battery for cell phones	Prescriptions and extra medicine	

Battery powered lanterns or flashlights (one per person)
Bottled water (at least one (1) gallon of drinking water per person per day)
PLAN ON 7-14 DAYS WORTH OF SUPPLIES

STORM PREPARATION:

Clear all balconies, terraces, and patios of all furniture and any object(s) that may become airborne, including planters. Move all small items around your home to a safe location. Place rolled towels around the bottom of glass sliding doors and windows

If you choose to stay in your home, fill your bathtub with water. This water may be used for drinking should the water supply become interrupted or contaminated. It may also be poured into the toilet bowl to induce flushing.

Fill your vehicles with gas.

Carry all important paperwork and personal identification with you, along with extra cash, in waterproof containers or in a waterproof safety deposit box.

Turn your refrigerator and freezer settings to maximum cold and open only when needed. Freeze bottles of water that can be used to keep the freezer cool in the event of a power outage and for drinking water.

Take pictures of the interior and exterior of your home in case you sustain damage from the storm and need to submit an insurance claim.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

FP&L (to report outage)	800-468-8243
Federal Emergency Management	954-357-8250
Hurricane Hotline	954-831-4000 or 311
American Red Cross	954-797-3800

DURING THE STORM:

Continue to listen to the County Warning System on the radio. Do exactly as advised. Be alert for tornado watches and warnings. Stay away from all windows and sliding glass doors.

Stay indoors! If the calm eye of the hurricane passes through the area, continue to stay indoors unless it is absolutely necessary to leave.

If the electricity goes off, use flashlights instead of candles or kerosene lamps. A gust of wind through a door or window could start an accidental fire and the fire department may not be available while the hurricane winds are blowing.

Use the telephone for emergencies only. Jammed phone lines may obstruct emergency calls for police, fire departments, doctors, and the Red Cross.

Remain indoors until the official "all clear" is given from the County Warning System on the radio.

AFTER THE STORM:

Beware of outdoor hazards. Watch out for loose or dangling branches as well as power lines and report them immediately to the proper authority.

Walk or drive cautiously. Debris-filled streets, snakes, and wild animals may be a hazard. Washouts may weaken road and bridge structures, which could collapse under vehicle weight.

Open the refrigerator only when necessary. Food will spoil in the refrigerator if the power is off more than a few hours. Freezers will keep food for several days if the doors are not opened after a power failure, but do not refreeze food once it begins to thaw.

Do not use water until authorities have issued a safe water area. Use the emergency supply in the tub or boil water. Report broken sewer, water, or gas mains to the proper authority.

Avoid entering any flooded areas.

Notify your insurance carrier immediately in the event of any property damage.

Be patient, it takes a team effort to clean up after a storm. Please refrain from calling the office 24 hours before the expected storm strike and for at least 36 hours after the storm actually strikes, as your Management Team will be extremely busy surveying the property and coordinating the clean-up. Additionally, the phone lines may be down. If you evacuated before the storm and would like an update on your home, it would be best to make arrangements with a neighbor.

Please take the time to be as prepared as possible.