

STAY INFORMED:

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

City of Fort Lauderdale
Hurricane Emergency Hotline954.828.8888
24-Hour Customer Service Center954.828.8000
Police Department Non-Emergency954.828.5700
Emergency911
City Commission Office.....954.828.5003
City Hall954.828.5000

Broward County:
Emergency Management Agency954.831.3900
Hurricane Hotline.....954.831.4000
TTY Hurricane Hotline954.831.3940
Special Needs Registry954.537.2888
TTY Special Needs Registry.....954.537.2882
Mass Transit.....954.357.8400

State of Florida:
Division of Emergency Management850.413.9900

FEMA1.800.621.FEMA (3362)
National Flood Insurance1.888.379.9531
Florida Power and Light (FPL).....1.800.4OUTAGE
(1.800.468.8243)

BellSouth (Repair Service).....1.877.737.2478
TECO/People’s Gas Company.....1.877.832.6747
American Red Cross (Broward Chapter).....954.763.9900

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

City of Fort Lauderdalewww.fortlauderdale.gov

Broward County
Emergency Management Agencywww.broward.org/disaster

State of Florida
Division of Emergency Managementwww.floridadisaster.org

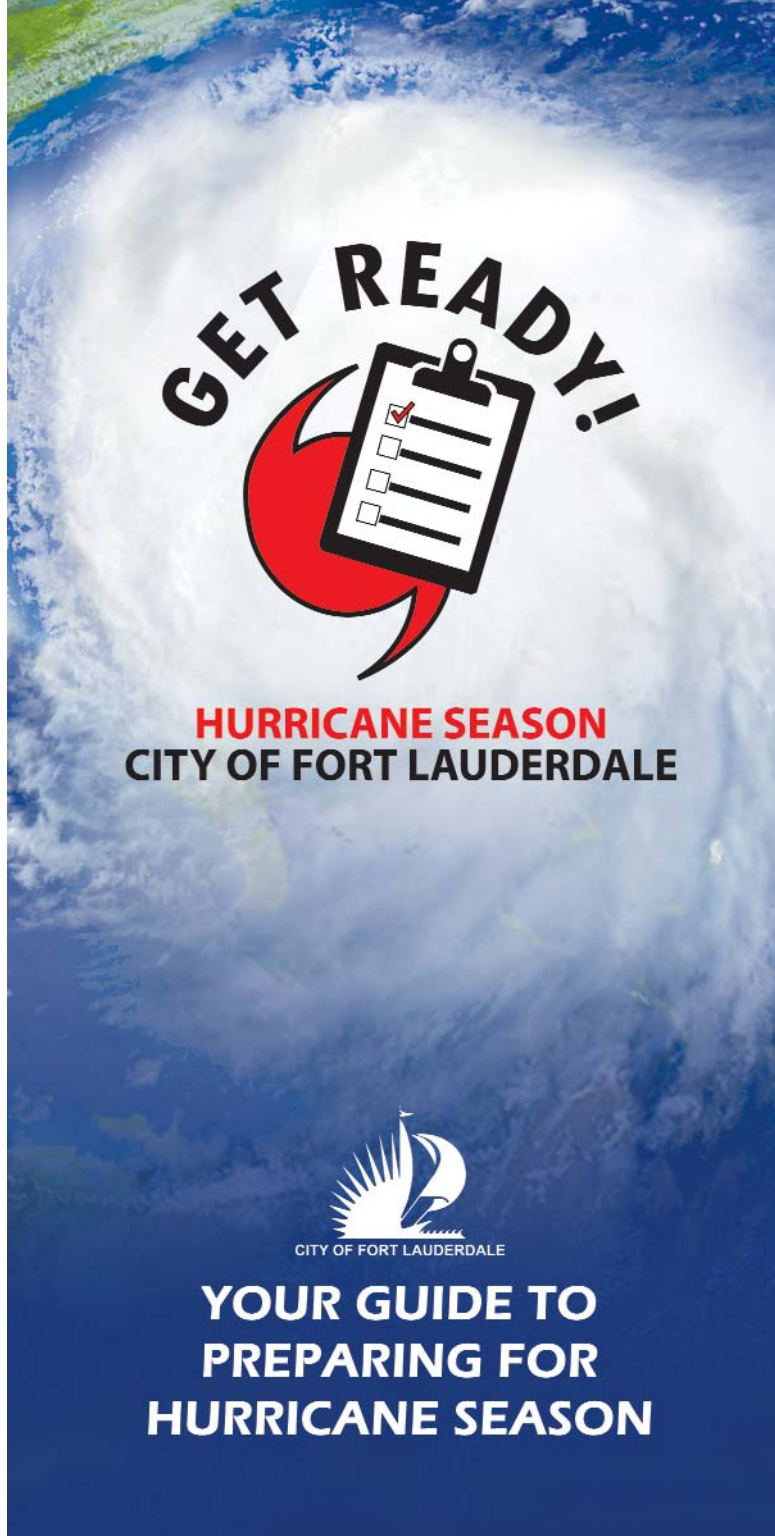
FEMAwww.fema.gov
Florida Power and Light (FPL)www.fpl.com
American Red Cross (Broward Chapter).....www.arbcc.org
BellSouthwww.bellsouth.com
TECO/People’s Gas Company.....www.peoplesgas.com
National Flood Insurancewww.fema.gov/business/nfip
National Hurricane Center.....www.nhc.noaa.gov

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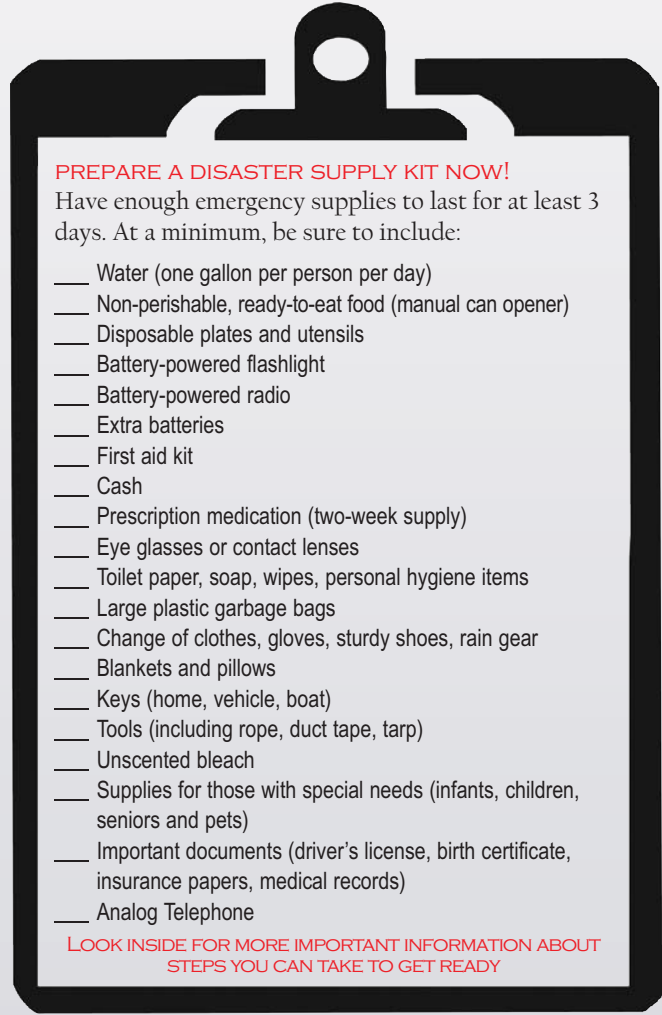
HURRICANE SEASON
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE



YOUR GUIDE TO
PREPARING FOR
HURRICANE SEASON

BE PREPARED:

Hurricane season runs from June 1 – November 30. According to forecasters, we are now in one of the most active periods for tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean. The most important step everyone can take to survive a hurricane is to prepare. If you have not started your hurricane preparations, the time to do so is now. This brochure provides important information that citizens can use to help ensure they are prepared before, during and after a storm.



PREPARE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT NOW!

Have enough emergency supplies to last for at least 3 days. At a minimum, be sure to include:

- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable, ready-to-eat food (manual can opener)
- Disposable plates and utensils
- Battery-powered flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Cash
- Prescription medication (two-week supply)
- Eye glasses or contact lenses
- Toilet paper, soap, wipes, personal hygiene items
- Large plastic garbage bags
- Change of clothes, gloves, sturdy shoes, rain gear
- Blankets and pillows
- Keys (home, vehicle, boat)
- Tools (including rope, duct tape, tarp)
- Unscented bleach
- Supplies for those with special needs (infants, children, seniors and pets)
- Important documents (driver’s license, birth certificate, insurance papers, medical records)
- Analog Telephone

LOOK INSIDE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO GET READY



BE PREPARED BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A STORM

BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

- Develop a disaster plan for you and your family.
- Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane to determine if your home is in a flood zone or mandatory evacuation zone.
- Get materials to secure your home's doors and windows.
- If you live in an evacuation zone, decide in advance where you will go and plan at least two evacuation routes.
- If evacuating, make arrangements in advance for pets.
- If you plan to shelter-in-place, locate a safe room – an interior, first floor room with the fewest windows and doors. Large closets and bathrooms often work best.
- Pick two places to meet if your family cannot return home.
- Select an out-of-state contact for everyone to call if the family is separated.
- Post emergency telephone numbers and teach children how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage and update if necessary.
- Make plans to secure your boat.
- Trim trees and branches.
- Consider taking disaster preparedness classes.
- Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov or call 954.828.8000 to sign up for the City's CodeRED® emergency notifications.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 36 hours.

- Monitor local media for hurricane progress reports.
- Secure windows and doors with shutters or shielding materials (visit www.flash.org for more information).
- Review your evacuation plan. Make sure your route is accessible as some roads may be closed or blocked.
- Fuel and service your vehicle.
- Bring in unsecured items such as outdoor furniture, plants, trash cans, recycling bins, bicycles and toys.
- Store tap water to use for cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Store important documents in waterproof containers.
- Check emergency supplies and stock up on any necessary items, including prescription medications and items for those with special needs.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings. Open only if absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Get extra cash.
- Secure boats.
- Do not put bulk trash or yard waste out during a Hurricane Watch or Hurricane Warning.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions - sustained winds of 74 mph or greater - are expected within 24 hours.

- Continue monitoring local media for storm updates.
- Complete preparation activities.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- If you evacuate, leave early, take your emergency supplies and pets. Avoid roads that are closed, blocked or flooded.
- Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- If you are ordered to evacuate and do not, you risk being cut off from police, fire and emergency medical services for an extended period of time.
- Mobile home residents and those with special needs should always evacuate.
- If you shelter-in-place, take family members, pets and emergency supplies into your safe room and remain there until local authorities tell you it is safe to come out.
- Use battery-powered flashlights. Do not use candles or other open flames as light sources.
- Do not go outside in the calm of the hurricane "eye." The storm is not over. Intense winds will return from the opposite direction.

AFTER THE STORM

- Call the City's Hurricane Hotline at 954.828.8888 and listen to radio 1610 AM for important updates.
- Return home only when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Inspect your home. Call your insurance company if you have sustained damage.
- Stay off the streets. Do not drive until local authorities tell you it is safe.
- Report water main breaks, damaged sewer lines or blocked stormdrains to 954.828.8000.
- Stay away from all downed power lines and report them to FPL at 1.800.4OUTAGE.
- Stay away from standing water as there may be live power lines below.
- Use telephones only for emergency purposes.
- Never drive through flooded streets.
- Monitor local media for boil water alerts.
- Throw away spoiled food and personal items that have come in contact with flood waters.
- Never use a generator indoors.
- Use caution when clearing debris. Wear protective clothing and keep children and pets inside.

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