Evacuation

Are You Ready
Decide now what you need to do before the next hurricane threatens:

- Who needs to evacuate?
  All mobile home residents and persons located in low-lying areas or beside tidal bodies of water should seek shelter elsewhere.
  - Plan A: Typically a Category 1-2 hurricane
    All residents in the area east of the Intracoastal Waterway. Residents may experience a storm surge 4 to 7 feet above sea level and winds 74 to 110 mph.
  - Plan B: Typically a Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane
    All residents in the area east of U.S. 1. Residents may experience a storm surge 7 to 11 feet above sea level and winds 111 mph or greater.

- When do you need to evacuate?
  If you plan to evacuate outside of Broward County, leave early while the weather is still calm. Broward County will announce which Red Cross hurricane shelters will be open soon after an evacuation is ordered.

- Why do you need to evacuate?
  Evacuations are ordered by County officials to protect residents from storm surge, not because of wind.

Be prepared when you evacuate:

- Where to go during evacuation?
  Decide on a specific place – either a family’s or friend’s home outside the evacuation area; a hotel or a shelter. Call Broward County’s Emergency Hotline – 311 – for information on the open Red Cross shelters nearest to you.

- Do you need transportation or a special needs shelter?
  You must be pre-registered for both. Call Broward County’s Emergency Hotline – 311 – for more information or visit http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtRisk/Pages/SpecialNeeds.aspx.

- Does your family and friends know where you will be during a hurricane?
  Create a list of essential people to contact before you evacuate. Designate someone as an out-of-town contact and ask that person to update others, as necessary.

Shelter Supply Checklist

Bedding:
- Cot, air mattress or sleeping bag
- Blankets and pillow

Clothing:
- Change of clothes
- Jacket/rainwear
- Comfortable, closed-toe shoes

Food:
- Non-perishable snacks, personal meals (including any special dietary needs)

Entertainment:
- Cards, books, puzzles, games

Personal Items:
- Prescriptions & medications
- Eyeglasses, contacts, contact case & solution
- Hearing aid & batteries
- Hygiene products (toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Flashlight & batteries
- Radio (battery-operated)
- Credit card/cash
- Baby needs (diapers, formula)

Important Documents:
- Driver’s license/other identification
- Proof of residence
- House and medical insurance paperwork, etc.

Sheriff Scott Israel wants you to be ready, safe and prepared during hurricane season.

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Preparedness Tips

The Broward Sheriff’s Office wants you to be prepared for hurricane season. Take the time now to make your plans. Remember, hope for 3, plan for 5. Stock enough supplies for at least 5 days.

Keep these supply tips in mind throughout hurricane season:
- Gather your supplies at the start of the season.
- Store at least one gallon of drinking water per person, per day.
- Stock plenty of ready-to-eat canned food and a manual can opener.
- Stock evaporated milk and other non-perishables like peanut butter, cereal, granola bars, dried fruit—and don’t forget your pets’ food too.
- Gather baby supplies, like diapers and food.
- Have several battery-powered radios, flashlights, lanterns and extra batteries available. Small battery-powered televisions are useful too.
- Store household supplies like unscented household bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, soap/liquid detergent, plastic bags, paper plates and disposable utensils.
- Make sure you have a two-week supply of prescription medications.
- Keep a first aid kit.
- Store a fire extinguisher.
- Gather important papers, including insurance papers and medical paperwork, and place in a waterproof container.

Before the Storm

- Tune in to your local TV or radio news broadcasts for advisories.
- Know the difference between a Hurricane Watch and a Hurricane Warning. A watch indicates hurricane conditions are possible, generally within 36 hours. A warning indicates hurricane conditions are anticipated, usually within 24 hours.
- Make sure your vehicle is full of gasoline.
- Withdraw money to last for several days.
- Bring inside or secure outdoor items that may blow away in strong winds.
- Install hurricane shutters or plywood on windows.
- Reassure children they are safe. Discuss your plan.
- If you are staying in your home, have a designated safe room (an interior room without windows located on the first floor of your home is best).

After the Storm

- Stay tuned to local media and/or NOAA radio.
- Return to your home or venture outdoors only after local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Inspect your home for damage. If your home is unsafe or badly damaged, locate other accommodations.
- Beware of fallen power lines. While electricity may be out, service can be restored at any time.
- Use flashlights for illumination if you have no power. Never use candles or lanterns because of the risk of fire. Cook outdoors using charcoal or propane grills/stoves. Do not cook over open fires, as they can spread.
- Avoid driving as much as possible. If you must be on the roads remember many traffic signals may be inoperative. Treat all intersections as a four-way stop.
- Place generators outside and away from windows.
- Safeguard your generator against theft. Lock it to a fixed object.

Tips for Pet Owners

Before a storm, ensure you have assembled essential items for each pet:
- Two-week supply of food, bottled water and medication.
- Water and food dishes.
- Toys and blankets.
- Emergency phone numbers for veterinarians.
- Veterinary records with rabies certificate, current license tag number and identification chip or tattoo number (if applicable).
- Be sure your pet has received a rabies vaccination and is wearing his Broward County Pet Registration Tag on a secure collar.
- If your pet has a microchip, be sure the chip number is registered and the owner information is current. Chips (any make or model) can be registered for FREE at www.found.org.
- Photo of your pet (to prove you are the owner)
- Cleaning supplies (newspapers, plastic bags, disinfectant).
- Pet first aid book and kit.

For owners of horses/livestock:
- Microchip or place identification information on your animals.
- Register your animals online at the Broward County Large Animal Registry at http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtoZ/Pages/LargeAnimalRegistry.aspx.

If you are evacuating:
- Ensure you have a crate or carrier large enough for the animal to stand and turn around. Familiarize your pet with the crate/carrier before the storm.
- Pre-arrange a place for your pet to go (a friend or family member’s house, a pet-friendly motel/hotel, a private kennel or a pet-friendly shelter).

Important: To use a Broward County pet-friendly shelter, you must be pre-registered. Call the Humane Society of Broward County at 954.989.3977 for more information.