



Hurricane

PREPAREDNESS **GUIDE**

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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Before the Storm

Print the Hurricane Kit Checklist and stock up!

Hurricane Preparedness
Hurricane season officially runs from June 1st through November 30th. City of Miramar residents are encouraged to be prepared for a hurricane throughout the hurricane season well before a watch or warning is issued.

Stock Up

Be sure to stock up on items for your hurricane kit. You need to plan to be self-sufficient for 3 to 5 days following a storm.

Trim your trees and shrubs before June. All tree trimming and yard cleaning should be complete BEFORE a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Watch is issued.

Apartment and Condo Residents
If you're in an evacuation zone and you are asked to evacuate, please go to a location of your choice or to a Red Cross shelter.

For Pet Owners

A pet friendly emergency shelter is operated by the American Red Cross and the Broward Humane Society. This shelter is available to residents with pets who either live in an evacuation area or a mobile home anywhere in Broward County.

Pre-registration is required.

Contact the Humane Society of Broward County at **954-989-3977 ext. 7**. Make your plans early in the hurricane season to ensure space is available. Space is on a first come, first serve basis and is limited to those living in a designated emergency evacuation zone. You must provide proof (utility bill) that you live in an evacuation area. Pet owners must stay at the emergency shelter and provide care of their animals (walking, feeding, and cleaning up after).



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES



Generator Safety Tips

Generators are useful when remote electric power is needed, but they can be extremely dangerous. Here are some safety tips:

- When installing a permanent generator, only use a licensed electrician and obtain the necessary permits.
- Use the generator according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never use portable generators inside a home, garage, basement or crawl space.
- Place portable generators outside in a well-ventilated area.
- You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide. If you feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, go outside for some fresh air immediately.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up in your home.
- Do not refuel a generator while it is running.
- Do not store fuel indoors.
- Do not connect a portable generator directly to your house because the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause damage or injure power workers.

Generator Ready Supermarkets:

Publix
6890 Miramar Boulevard
Publix at Monarch Lakes
14375 Miramar Parkway

10 Step hurricane plan

1. Meet with your family to discuss the dangers of hurricanes and what everyone needs to do to stay safe.
2. Determine if you live in an evacuation zone. If you do, decide where you will go to remain safe.
3. Protect your assets.
4. Determine whether your home has vulnerable areas. Check all roofs, doors, and windows. Make all necessary repairs.
5. Protect your vehicles. Decide where you will park or store your cars, boats and RVs.
6. Detail the actions you will take to secure your home.
7. Make arrangements for those who have special needs.
8. Plan for your pet(s).
9. Gather supplies from the hurricane kit checklist.
10. Inform family and friends about your hurricane plan so that they can check on you after the storm. Have an out-of-town contact.

Swimming Pools

Before the storm, the water level may be lowered slightly, but no more than a foot or two. The greatest storm damage is done to the pool pump and motor unless some simple precautions are taken. First, turn off the power to the pool equipment (pump, motor, lighting, chlorinators, etc.) Next, remove the motor and store it inside a dry place to prevent it from becoming damaged due to flooding. Extra chlorine should also be added to the pool to prevent contamination. Remove all loose items from the pool area (patio furniture, pool cleaning equipment, filter house tops, deck lid of filter, etc.) to protect these items from damage.

Hurricane Kit Checklist

- Drinking water:** Be sure to have at least one gallon per person per day for three to five days. Extra water is needed for preparing food and for personal hygiene.
- Food:** Be sure to have enough food for three to five days including non-perishable items.
- Special items:** Have a three to five day supply of special items for babies such as formula, food, wipes and diapers. Don't forget your elderly family members. Stock up on special foods, toiletries and extra toilet paper.
- Manual** can opener, bottle opener.
- Water** may not be available, so be sure to have enough paper plates, bowls, napkins, towels and plastic eating utensils.
- Unscented household **bleach** and medicine dropper.
- First aid kit.**
- Flashlight** and extra batteries.
- Hand sanitizer.
- Two-week supply of **medicines** and prescription drugs.
- Battery**-operated radio or television.
- Pet food**, cat litter and other pet care items.
- Charcoal** or propane gas for outdoor cooking.
- Corded phone** (cordless phones will be inoperable in the event of a power outage).
- Fire extinguisher.**
- Matches.**
- Mosquito repellent.**



Special Needs

Special Needs Shelter

- If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than that provided at a General Population Shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a Special Shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany you.

- If you need transfer assistance, sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, or a quiet zone for a cognitive disability or mental health need, call 954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608.
- **Residents with service animals are welcome at all shelter sites.**
- Pre-registration for the Special Needs Shelter is open throughout the year, and while not required, it is strongly encouraged to ensure that the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs. All residents seeking shelter in a Special Needs facility will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the best shelter option.

Special Needs Shelters are appropriate if you:

- Have minor health/medical condition(s) that require professional observation, assessment and maintenance.
- Require assistance with personal care and/or medication but not hospitalization.
- Need professional assistance with medication and/or vital sign readings.
- Reasonable accommodation will be made for shelter residents with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

How to Register

To request or obtain an application for Special Needs Shelter and/or Paratransit evacuation transportation, call Broward County Human Services at 954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608.

Please click below to download application:

[English \(PDF\)](#)

[Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

[Creole \(PDF\)](#)

Keep a copy for yourself after completing the form.



The Vulnerable Population Registry

- The Vulnerable Population Registry is for residents who are at risk due to disability, frailty or health issues, regardless of age, who elect to stay at home. The Registry helps emergency responders to plan for recoveries. It is not a guarantee of assistance.
- After a hurricane, residents may experience prolonged power and phone outages. Residents may not be able to leave their apartments to get assistance or to let others know that they are in need.
- Municipalities use the Registry to help evaluate resident needs and to assist them. While registering in the database is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, but it will help responders be better prepared to meet resident needs in a recovery.

You can register by clicking the logo below or by calling 311 in Broward or 954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940).

All the information provided will be held in the strictest confidence as required by State law.

Note: The Vulnerable Population Registry does not automatically register you for a special needs shelter or evacuation transportation.



Helpful Information



Web Resources

- www.miramard.org/em
- www.broward.org/disaster
- www.floridadisaster.org
- www.nhc.noaa.gov
- www.redcross.org
- www.myflorida.com
- www.fema.gov

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Miramar, FL wants to make sure you and your loved ones stay safe and informed.

In case of emergency, we can send emergency alerts to anyone by sending a voice message and/or instant text message to home and cell phones. While the system is active and ready for use, it is only as good as the contact information it contains.

This is where we need your help!

In order to send you emergency text messages and voice mail alerts, you must provide cell phone information. The information you supply is confidential and will not be shared off campus. We will contact you through the system in the event of an emergency.

This system allows you to choose to receive emergency notifications to your email address, home phone, cell phone, or text messages. In addition, you have the option of signing up for other notification such as weather related notifications, closings, traffic problems around the City and other public safety alerts.

You can register at: <http://miramard.org/em> or by clicking the Civic Ready web link below.

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SIGN UP

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Emergency Hotline: 311 or 954-831-4000 EMERGENCY SHELTER MAP

Emergency Management Division
Environmental Protection
and Growth Management Department
201 N.W. 84th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: 954-831-3900
Emergency Hotline: 311 or 954-831-4000

Not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline, 311 or 954-831-4000, for specific shelter openings.

Pet-Friendly Shelter

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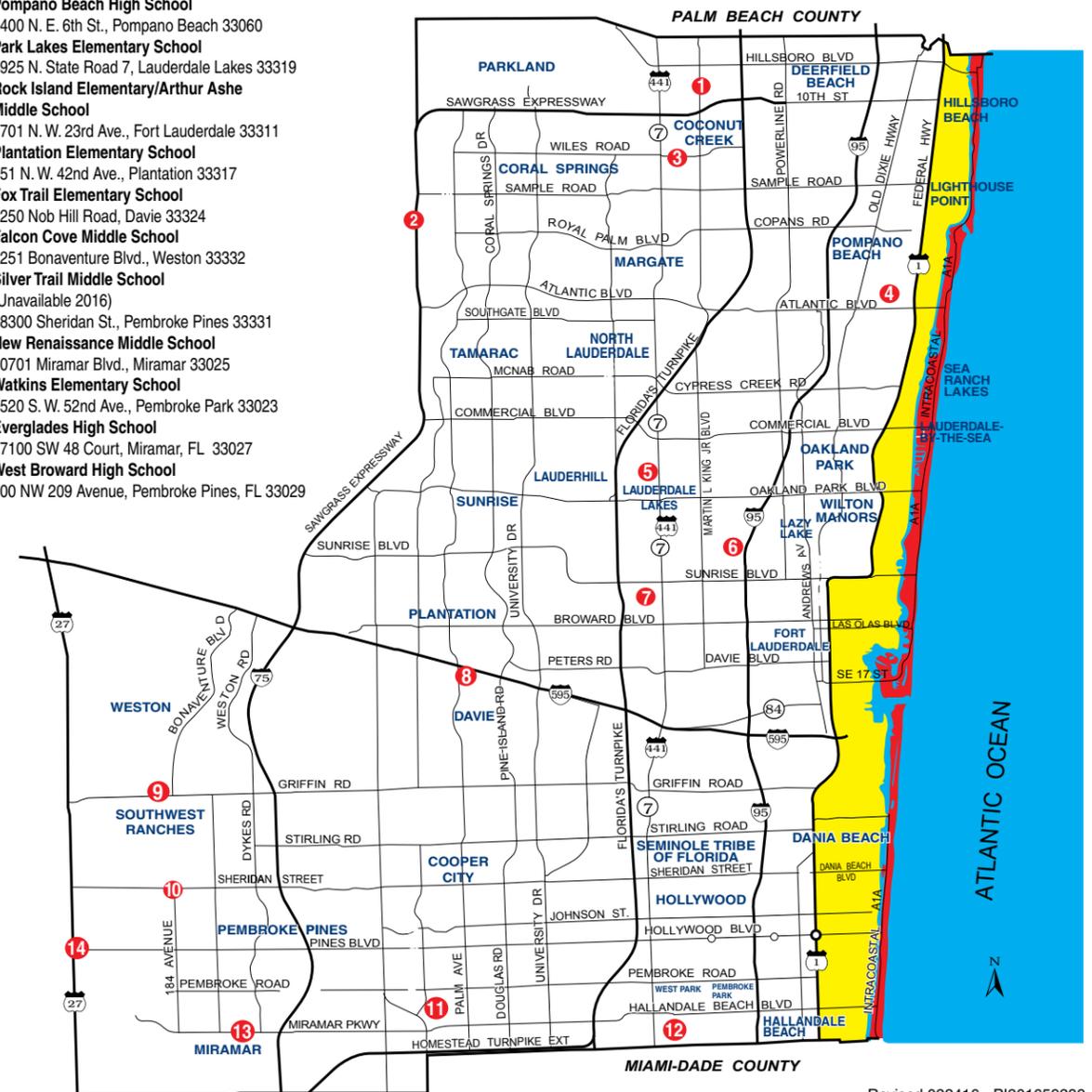
AMERICAN RED CROSS Operated Regional Emergency Shelters

- 1) **Lyons Creek Middle School**
4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073
- 2) **Coral Glades High School**
2700 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs 33065
- 3) **Monarch High School**
5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073
- 4) **Pompano Beach High School**
1400 N. E. 6th St., Pompano Beach 33060
- 5) **Park Lakes Elementary School**
3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319
- 6) **Rock Island Elementary/Arthur Ashe Middle School**
1701 N. W. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33311
- 7) **Plantation Elementary School**
651 N. W. 42nd Ave., Plantation 33317
- 8) **Fox Trail Elementary School**
1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324
- 9) **Falcon Cove Middle School**
4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33332
- 10) **Silver Trail Middle School**
(Unavailable 2016)
18300 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines 33331
- 11) **New Renaissance Middle School**
10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar 33025
- 12) **Watkins Elementary School**
3520 S. W. 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park 33023
- 13) **Everglades High School**
17100 SW 48 Court, Miramar, FL 33027
- 14) **West Broward High School**
500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

PLAN A Evacuation
Typically a Category 1-2 hurricane.

PLAN B Evacuation
Typically a Category 3 or higher hurricane.

Those persons located in low lying areas or beside tidal bodies of water should seek shelter elsewhere if conditions warrant. ALL mobile home residents must evacuate in PLAN A and PLAN B. In addition, mobile home residents may be ordered to evacuate if tropical storm conditions warrant.



During The Storm

Once the storm arrives, keep everyone safe by staying indoors.

Emergency personnel – police officers and firefighters – may not be able to respond to you during the storm.

- Depending on the strength of the storm, you may decide to create a “safe room”, which should be away from windows and doors.
- Keep water from coming into your home by placing towels along window sills and doors. Have buckets, mops and sponges ready in case of flooding.
- As the eye of the hurricane passes, there is an unusual calm. **DO NOT go outside.** The storm is not over and could get worse.
- Have a battery-powered radio on hand.
- Leave the main breaker to your home on. If the electricity goes off, turn off air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, televisions and computers to avoid power surges damage.
- Open the refrigerator and freezer doors as little as possible to keep cold.

- Use flashlights for lighting when the power goes off. Do not use candles or any other open flame.
- Use telephone lines as little as possible.

Please wait for an all clear message from the authorities through TV or radio before leaving your residence.



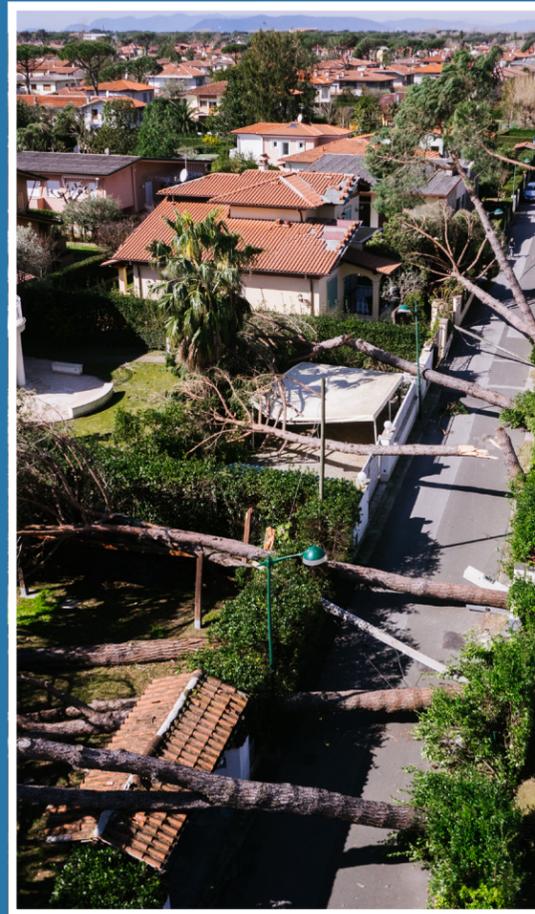
After The Storm

Some of the most dangerous situations arise after the hurricane has passed. Here are some important tips to keep in mind.

- Treat all downed power lines as if they are live. If you see a power line that is sparking or arcing, call 911.
- Walk cautiously and avoid standing water which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects.
- Don't venture out in the dark because you might not see a power line that could still be energized.
- Debris-filled streets are dangerous. Beware of snakes and poisonous insects.
- Be aware of spoiled food. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Do not drive unless it is an emergency.
- Take precautions to prevent fires. Lowered water pressure in City mains and the interruption of other services will make firefighting difficult after a hurricane.
- Protect property from further damage. Plastic sheeting, plywood, lumber or other materials can be used to seal or protect property that has been exposed by the storm. Make temporary repairs that won't endanger your safety.
- Notify insurance representatives of any losses.
- Take photographs or a video of damaged areas to substantiate your claim.
- Prepare a detailed inventory of damaged or destroyed property for the adjuster by including a description of the item, date of purchase and estimated replacement cost.
- Be patient. Insurance settlements may take some time.

Traffic Safety Tips

When traffic signals are not working, treat intersections as four-way stops. To prevent accidents, please wait your turn. **It is not necessary to report downed traffic signals.**





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