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Dear Palm Beach County Neighbors:

This card-size kit is designed to help you plan and organize a Family Hurricane Plan.

We've all learned that it takes time for relief efforts to get underway. That's why every household needs to prepare for the season with several days of water, food, clothing, medicine and other supplies.

Follow this kit's simple guidelines. You'll have the information you need – key phone numbers, tips for preparing for a storm and what you need to stock. Use this tool to organize your home, your family and determine if you will need to evacuate and access a shelter.

We all hope South Florida will again be spared. However, we still need to be prepared in case a major storm strikes. The better we all prepare, the safer our families and neighbors will be.

If you would like additional kits to distribute to neighbors, community groups or houses of worship please contact my office at 561-355-4510. We'll be happy to send them out.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY.....	911
Emergency Operations Center.....	561-712-6400
TDD (HEARING IMPAIRED).....	561-712-6343
Health and Human Services.....	211
Animal Care & Control.....	561-233-1200
American Red Cross.....	561-833-7711
Code Enforcement.....	561-233-5500
Consumer Affairs.....	561-712-6600
FL Department of Financial Services	
Hurricane Help Line.....	800-227-8676
Contractor Certification.....	561-233-5525
Engineering & Public Works.....	561-684-4000
FEMA.....	800-621-3362
Fire Rescue – Non-Emergency.....	561-712-6550
General FPL.....	561-697-8000
Health Department.....	561-840-4500
Palm Tran.....	561-841-4200
Palm Tran Connection.....	561-649-9838
Parks and Recreation.....	561-966-6600
Att. General Pam Bondi.....	866-966-7226
Roads, Drainage, Traffic.....	561-684-4018
Salvation Army.....	561-686-3530
Sheriff (PBSO) – Non-Emergency.....	561-688-3000
Solid Waste Authority.....	561-640-4000
Traffic Signal Repair.....	561-683-6885
United Way.....	561-375-6600
PBC Water Utilities Administration.....	561-493-6000
PBC Water Utilities Customer Service	561-740-4600 (opt.1)

**Check your water bill to determine who provides your water.*

1 Month Before Hurricane Season:

- Complete Your Family Hurricane Supplies Kit. Non-perishable foods and medicines should be purchased last.
- Check with your doctor and/or pharmacy to determine how to ensure you have enough prescriptions to last through a storm.
- If you need to register for the Special Needs Shelter, contact the Special Needs Coordinator at 561-712-6400.
- Assess your landscaping to determine if trees need to be trimmed or ornaments removed before a storm.
- Establish a contact number with your employer in the event you need to report to work immediately following a storm.
- Make arrangements in advance for your pets; either contact Animal Care and Control about pet sheltering, or ask your vet. There is one pet shelter in Palm Beach County located at West Boynton Recreational Center, 6000 North Trail Boulevard in Lake Worth. For more information call 561-233-1266. The shelter is restricted to pet owners living in a mandatory evacuation zone or in mobile homes.

1 Week Before Hurricane Season:

- Review your plan with your family and establish who will be your out-of-town contact.
- Double-check your shelter information and confirm the location; do not wait until you need to go to the shelter.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

My water provider is _____ phone # _____ (check water bill)

My electric provider is _____ phone # _____ (check electric bill)

My gas provider is _____ phone # _____ (check gas bill)

My garbage and debris pick-up is provided by _____ phone # _____

My phone provider is _____ phone # _____ (check phone bill)

Perishable items should be changed or replaced every six months.

FLORIDA HURRICANES

Plan. Prepare. Protect.





Essentials:

- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries

Water:

- 5-7 gallons per person, minimum, in a food-grade plastic container (approximately a 5-7 day supply)
- Additional water for sanitation

Food:

- Minimum 5 to 7 day supply of non-perishable food that requires no preparation
- Dry cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Canned juice
- Ready-to-eat canned meats
- Ready-to-eat soups
- Quick energy snacks

First-Aid Kit:

- Scissors
- Sun screen
- Thermometer
- Tweezers
- Needle
- Cleansing agent/soap
- Latex gloves (2 pairs)
- Moistened towelettes
- Assorted sizes of safety pins
- Two-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
- Two-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
- Triangular bandages (3)
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Sterile adhesive bandages

- Laxative
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
- Antacid (for stomach upset)
- Antibiotic ointment

Sanitation:

- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Personal hygiene items
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels
- Plastic garbage bags, ties

Tools and Supplies:

- Aluminum foil
- Crowbar
- Compass
- Paper, pencil
- Plastic sheeting
- Medicine dropper
- Needles, thread
- Signal flare
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Assorted nails, wood screws
- Pliers, screwdriver, hammer
- Plastic storage containers
- Heavy cotton or hemp rope
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Map of the area (for locating shelters)
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- Tape, duct and plumber's tape
- Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires
- Wrench to turn off gas and water

Clothing and Bedding:

- Sunglasses
- Rain gear
- Sun hat and work gloves
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Blankets or sleeping bags

For Baby:

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Medication
- Powdered milk

For Pets:

- Food
- Leash, harness and carrier
- Records of vaccinations
- Non-tippable food and water bowls

Important Family Documents to be kept in a waterproof container:

- Important telephone numbers
- Record of bank account numbers
- Family records
- Inventory of valuable goods
- Copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
- Record of credit card accounts
- Copy of passports, Social Security cards, immunization records

Family Medical Needs:

- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs
- Extra eye glasses
- Contact lenses and supplies

HURRICANE SHELTERS

There are approximately 15 shelters throughout Palm Beach County, and they are managed and maintained by the American Red Cross. Shelters should be used as a last resort. You should choose one near your residence. Be sure you know the route, and do not go until you hear from officials that your shelter has opened. Also, be sure to advise family members or friends that you have evacuated and where you will be. Shelters have a limited capacity and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

www.pbcgov.com/dem/sections/logistics/shelters.htm

PREPARE A PERSONAL EVACUATION PLAN

- Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate.
- Choose several places—a friend's home in another town, a motel or a shelter.
- Keep the telephone numbers of these places handy as well as a road map of your locality.
- You may need to take alternative or unfamiliar routes if major roads are closed or clogged.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio and TV stations for evacuation instructions.

IF YOU GO TO A SHELTER, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR AN EXTENDED STAY. WHAT TO BRING:

- Prescription medications and medical supplies
- Bottled water, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, first-aid kit, flashlight
- Bedding, including sleeping bags and pillows
- Infant necessities
- Clothing (five days)
- Car keys and maps
- Documents, including drivers license, Social Security card, proof of residence
- Insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.
- Personal hygiene products
- Light-weight folding chair/cot
- Personal items (books, toys, etc.)

No smoking, alcohol, firearms or pets are allowed in shelters.