

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS



Preparedness is essential.

Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw reminds you to take time now to make sure you and your family are safe and ready this hurricane season. This flyer provides information on emergency contacts, road safety, preparedness tips, and important resource links. For additional Sheriff's Office information, please refer to our website at www.pbso.org.

AFTER THE STORM

Help the Sheriff's Office Serve You Better



NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

561-688-3400 Main
561-995-2800 Delray Beach & Boca Raton
561-996-1670 Glades

- **Limit 911 calls for actual emergencies.** Power and telephone outages or other utility problems should be reported directly to the utility company or call Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center at 561-712-6400, who shall direct you to the appropriate agency.
- **Avoid downed power lines** - always assume they are live.
- **Drive only if absolutely necessary.** Do not go sightseeing. If you must drive, use caution. Carpool with neighbors to reduce traffic. Avoid night driving if the power is out in your area.
- **If traffic lights are down or out, treat all intersections as four-way stops and yield the right-of-way.** Look for temporary street signs to guide you.
- **Follow all state, county, and local executive and emergency orders.**
- **Curfew violations may result in a fine or an arrest.**
- **Monitor local TV and radio news reports.**
- **If evacuated, return home only when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.**
- **Check on and help your neighbors.**
- **Tell your family and friends you are safe.**



PREPAREDNESS

MAKE A PLAN.

BUILD A KIT.

During a disaster event, you and/or your family will require specific items. Assemble supplies before disasters occur, including supplies for various locations (e.g., home, work, vehicle).



Your emergency supply kit should include the following items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three and preferably seven days, for drinking. You should also plan for emergency sanitation that conserves water since this water supply is primarily for drinking. Water needs vary depending on age, physical condition, activity, diet, and climate.
- Food. At least a three-day and preferably a seven-day supply of non-perishable food. Remember that some foods require water for preparation.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards with tone alert with extra batteries
- Smartphone weather alerting apps to ensure redundant alerting capacity
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle, to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place from a chemical incident and airborne chemicals outside
- Moist wipes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Masks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and spray
- Manual (not electric) can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof and fireproof portable container
- Cash and change
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes. You may need additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Water purification system and/or household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- Fire extinguisher
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plastic plates and utensils, and paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

ALERTPBC is Palm Beach County's Emergency Notification System to receive weather and county and/or city notifications via phone calls, text messaging, email, and more based on locations you care about (home, workplace, schools, etc.). Sign up now.

IMPORTANT LINKS

ALERTPBC: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/pages/alert-pbc.aspx>

PALM BEACH COUNTY DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOME PAGE: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Preparedness.aspx>

PBC EVACUATION/FLOOD ZONE AREAS: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Know-Your-Zone.aspx>

PBC HURRICANE PLANNING GUIDE – ENGLISH: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/PDF/Hurricane-Guide.pdf>

PBC HURRICANE PLANNING GUIDE – SPANISH: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/PDF/Hurricane-Guide-SPAN.pdf>

PBC HURRICANE PLANNING GUIDE – CREOLE: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/PDF/Hurricane-Guide-CREOLE.pdf>

PALM BEACH COUNTY STORES AND GAS STATIONS WITH GENERATORS:

<https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Emergency.aspx>

PBC EVACUATION TOOL: http://maps.co.palm-beach.fl.us/cwgis?app=evacuation_info

PALM TRAN BUS ROUTE SCHEDULES: <http://palmtran.org/>

FLORIDA - MY SAFE FLORIDA HOME INSPECTION GUIDE: <http://mysafeflorida.org/multimedia/homeinspectionuserguide.pdf>

FEMA READY HURRICANE SITE: <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

FEMA READY GO FAMILY PLANNING KITS: <https://www.ready.gov/kids/family-emergency-planning>