

The Lakes at Tradition HOA

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLAN 2022-2023



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MANAGEMENT COMPANY
FirstService Residential
FirstService Call Center – 800-340-4546

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Community Website
LATHOA.ORG

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Port St. Lucie, FL 34987
Phone (772) 345-5101

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911- FOR TRAFFIC INFO, DIAL 511
FOR NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL 211

GATEHOUSE:
Phone 772.345.3301

Website Access to gatehouse Login to: <https://community.dwellinglive.com>

THE LAKES AT TRADITION, HOA

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Official hurricane season does not begin until June 1st. However, it is imperative that preparations begin before that time.

SHUTTERS

It is recommended that, if you have not installed your shutters in the past, you perform a “test run” prior to an actual storm event in order to determine installation time you will need and also to check if there are replacement parts needed. When doing the test installation, it may be helpful to mark the shutter location on the inside of the panel using permanent marker to quickly sort them in event of storm.

You may begin shutter installation 72 hours before a projected storm event. Please be sure to install shutters on all windows that require them. Any unprotected area can affect the integrity of your entire home. You are allowed to install your shutters on the rear windows any time you choose.

The Governing Documents allow for 2 periods of time, for up to 15 days each, during hurricane season, in which a resident can install shutters as a precaution against potential storms if they will be away from the home. If you will be utilizing this allowance, please notify the Office in writing prior to installation with name, address, contact information, and dates the shutters will be installed. **SHUTTER RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO ACCORDIAN SHUTTERS**

NEW STORM SHUTTERS INSTALLATION

All new installations requires Architectural Committee (ACC) approval prior to installation. Accordion style hurricane shutters may be installed providing mounting brackets must be discrete when permanently installed on the home. Accordion hurricane shutters and their mounting brackets must be aluminum in electrostatically applied finish white (or tan, if the house color is tan) and otherwise not permitted to be color matched or re-painted to the house color.

LANDSCAPE DEBRIS

Please be aware that immediately after a hurricane, we anticipate that there will be lots of landscape debris scattered on every lot throughout the community. All mowing and trimming would be suspended for an undetermined period of time while all landscape personnel gather and clean up that debris. Any fallen palms and trees would first be removed by landscapers from streets, then front yards, and finally rear yards. We would anticipate at least one mow would be missed and un-mowed turf blades would become somewhat long as a result. Any help a homeowner can give in gathering small landscape debris from their lot and placing it at the curb would be greatly appreciated, helping landscapers to return to the job of mowing and trimming as quickly as possible.

LAKES AT TRADITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Marjorie Forrest	Secretary
Julie Feldman	Asst Secretary
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Kevin Navarro	Maintenance Supervisor	772-345-0690	Same as manager.

LAT BLOCK REPRESENTATIVE

For information on how to become a Block Representative, please feel free to contact your Block Representative through lathoabr@gmail.com

The Block Representatives - are a group of residents who are assigned specific areas within our Community to assist the HOA in many ways and may be able to assist you in acclimating to your new home.

Your Block Representative can:

- Answer your community questions, or direct you to someone who has the answer
- Help you get connected with the community website
- Help you find volunteer opportunities on community committees

Block Representatives do not:

- Get involved with neighbor disputes
- Report or offer advice regarding HOA violations
- Provide security in our community

For seasonal or part time residents, please plan before hand for the hurricane shutters installation and removal. There are several handyman's and other companies in the area that can be contracted in advance to take care of your home.

Keep in mind that due to Post COVID -19 many companies will not be able to provide some services.

Hurricane Preparedness Expo

•**Date:**06/04/2022 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

•**Location:**MIDFLORIDA Credit Union
Event Center

[9221 S.E. Event Center Place
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952](https://www.cityofpsl.com/9221-S-E-Event-Center-Place-Port-St-Lucie-Florida-34952)



Mark your calendar for the 16th annual Hurricane Preparedness Expo on June 4, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center where residents and businesses can get crucial storm-related information from vendors at one convenient location.

Being prepared is the key to protecting your home and loved ones during a severe storm.

Registration for sponsors, vendors and exhibitors is opening soon.

If you would like to be notified when registration is available email Mason Kozac at mkozac@CityofPSL.com.

Stay tuned, more details will be posted here soon.

**For more information about this event,
please call the City's Division of Emergency
Management at 772-342-2020.**

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HURRICANE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Residents are encouraged to sign up in advance for the First Call Emergency Notification. You will find a link to this system and a wealth of other emergency preparedness information on the city's Emergency Management Web page, www.cityofpsl.com/em.

As a storm approaches (24–48 hours)

- Check your emergency supplies
- Secure all windows, doors, and garage doors with plywood, shutters, protective covers, or bracing
- Make sure vehicles have a full tank of fuel
- Review evacuation routes
- Leave swimming pools filled and cover pump, filtration systems and intakes
- Secure outdoor lawn furniture, trash cans, etc.



HAVE EXTRA
CASH ON HAND

Tune into 88.9 FM
for local emergency
management
updates



24-Hour Radio Stations

WQCS – FM (88.9) (772) 465-8989

WPSL – AM (1590) (772) 340-1590

WJNX – AM (1330) (772) 464-1330

La Gigante (En Español)

Visit the city's website,
www.cityofpsl.com, or call
(772) 873-NEWS (6397)
to stay informed

RIDING OUT THE STORM

Sheltering in place



- Fill bathtub and large containers with water and use for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink.

- Turn refrigerators and freezers to maximum cold and open only when necessary

- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are shuttered

- Be alert for tornadoes which often are spawned by hurricanes

- If the eye of the storm passes over your area, be aware that improved weather conditions are temporary and that storm conditions will return

- Have a battery-powered radio and flashlight on hand

- Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors



EVACUATION

If you are concerned with the structural integrity of your dwelling, then you should evacuate or seek public shelter. If you are in a well-built home and not in an evacuation zone, the best option is often to secure your residence, and shelter in place.

Residents who live in mobile homes or in storm surge areas should always evacuate to a public shelter or stay with relatives or friends. If you are elderly or have special needs or health concerns, you should evacuate. The Special Needs Shelter for all residents is located at the St. Lucie County Fenn Center. Make sure to pre-register with the county's Department of Public Safety at (772) 462-8100.

AFTER THE STORM

- If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave

- Stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel

- If power outage occurs, turn off or disconnect appliances and fixtures

- Report downed or dangling power lines to FPL at (800) 468-8243

Power Outage Information

Florida Power & Light (downed wires) (800) 468-8243

Power Outage Tracker www.fplmaps.com

Twitter @insideFPL

Customer Service www.fpl.com/contact



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DEBRIS REMOVAL

Waste Pro
(Trash)
(772) 595-9390

- Place debris from damage to plants and trees in a separate pile at the edge of the pavement (DO NOT bag or bundle)
- Place debris from damaged structures (screen enclosures, roof tiles, gutters) in a separate pile (NO floor tiles, appliances, fixtures, furniture or clothing)
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- Don't mix items from debris categories (mixed debris may cause your pickup to be delayed)
- Contact Waste Pro only for questions about household waste collection.

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POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION (PODS)

- PODs are points of distribution for food and water after a hurricane
- PODs will open as soon as supplies become available so tune to your local radio and TV stations for updates
- The city has two POD locations: the City Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Pl. and McChesney Park, 1585 S.W. Cashmere Blvd.
- Stay informed to find out about POD openings/closings



WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- Conserve water use during and after severe storms or hurricanes
- A precautionary boil water advisory may be issued by a public utility after a severe hurricane until the utility can verify the integrity of its water supply system
- Local residents are served by three distinct water/ wastewater utilities:
PSL Utility Systems Dept. (772) 873-6400
Reserve Utilities (772) 468-4604
SLW Services District (772) 340-0220

Florida's Severe Weather Awareness



Social Media

In order to serve those who live, work, and visit Florida in the quickest way possible, the Florida Division of Emergency Management utilizes social media to inform, notify and apprise the public of hazards, emergencies and safety information in addition to traditional forms of notification.

Check us out online at:
www.FLGetAPlan.com
www.KidsGetAPlan.com



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@FLSERT
@FDEMPprivateSect



/Florida Division of Emergency Management
/Florida SERT
/Kids Get a Plan
/PS Coordination



@FLGetaPlan



www.floridagetaplan.wordpress.com

Lightning

With an average of 1.4 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes each year, no other state in the country has more lightning than



Florida. Because thunderstorm activity peaks in the summer, Florida often has the greatest number of fatalities and injuries from lightning each year in the United States.

As a storm approaches, many people may assume lightning is too far away to pose any danger, but it can travel as far as 10 miles from a thunderstorm. If you are close enough to the storm to hear thunder, then you are close enough to be struck by lightning.

If you are caught outside when lightning occurs, the most dangerous place to be is an open area. When a substantial building is not available and lightning is imminent, get into a hard-topped vehicle, but remember to keep your hands and feet away from the side of the car, as well as the dashboard, steering wheel and windows.

For More Information Visit
<http://www.floridadisaster.org>

Florida Tornadoes

Most Florida tornadoes occur in the afternoon and early evening hours during the summer months of June, July and August. These tornadoes tend to be weaker in strength but can still produce damage.

Stronger and more devastating tornadoes can occur in Florida mainly in the late winter and spring when strong cold fronts move through the state and provide the necessary conditions for tornadoes to form.

Tornadoes have occurred in every month in Florida, even on Christmas Day.

Tornadoes can also strike at any time of day. Most of Florida's tornado-related deaths occur during overnight hours.

Since 1950, only three states – Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma – have reported more tornadoes than Florida. Florida also ranks fourth in damage caused by tornadoes.

Flooding



**Hurricanes
and Flooding**



**Tornadoes and
Thunderstorms**

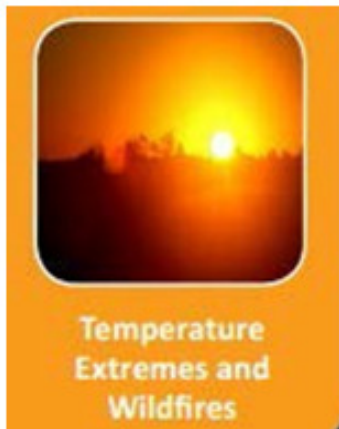
Florida is vulnerable to flooding at any time of the year. Mostly surrounded by water, the abundant supply of moisture feeds the development of thunderstorms, which may produce heavy rains over a short

period of time. When those heavy rains occur, the ground may not be able to absorb all of the rainwater and flooding may result.

Due to the flat ground in portions of the state, floodwaters may sometimes remain in an area for days, weeks or even months. Not all floods are alike.

Some floods develop slowly, taking anywhere from a few hours to a few days to have an impact. On the other hand, flash floods happen quickly, sometimes in a matter of minutes.

Temperature Extremes and Wildfires



**Temperature
Extremes and
Wildfires**

Florida can experience a wide range of temperatures, from dangerously hot to dangerously cold, and it is important for everyone to stay safe during periods of temperature extremes.

When Florida's high humidity combines with warm temperatures, it may feel hotter outside than it really is. This is called the heat index. High heat index values limit the body's ability to cool through sweating.

When the heat index exceeds 105° F, conditions can become dangerous for people and animals. Sunstroke, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are all risks associated with high heat indices. The National Weather Service will issue heat advisories and warnings when the heat index



HURRICANE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS QUICK GUIDE

This guide is best kept in your emergency supply toolkit and reviewed annually with your family for emergency planning purposes. The best time to begin hurricane preparations is prior to the start of hurricane season, which begins on June 1. Residents are encouraged to sign up in advance for the **St. Lucie County Florida Emergency Notification**. You will find a link to this system and a wealth of other emergency preparedness information on the city's Emergency Management Web page, www.cityofpsl.com/em.

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Port St. Lucie

Animal Control	(772) 871-5042
Police (Non-emergency)	(772) 871-5000
Port St. Lucie Info	(772) 873-6397
Public Works	(772) 871-5100
Utility Systems	(772) 873-6400
Waste Pro (Trash)	(772) 595-9390

St. Lucie County

Fire District	(772) 621-3400
FL Department of Health	(772) 462-3800
Mosquito Control	(772) 462-1692
Public Safety	(772) 462-8100

State of Florida

Emergency Info Line	(800) 342-3557
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24-Hour Radio Stations

WQCS – FM (88.9)	(772) 465-8989
WPSL – AM (1590)	(772) 340-1590
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La Gigante (En Español)	

Power Outage Information

Florida Power & Light (downed wires)	(800) 468-8243
Power Outage Tracker	www.fplmaps.com
Twitter	@insideFPL
Customer Service	www.fpl.com/contact

Gas Line Information

Florida City Gas (Gas Leaks, Odor or Emergencies)	(800) 993-7546
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST/SURVIVAL KIT

- Three-day supply of food (canned and dried goods are recommended)
- Batteries
- Battery-operated radio, with weather band
- Bleach (household, unscented) to purify drinking water (8 drops per gallon)
- Can opener (manual)
- Containers to store drinking water (1 gallon per person a day)
- Copies of important documents
- Disposable eating utensils
- Duct tape
- Emergency contact numbers
- Evacuation map
- Fill gas tanks (vehicles and storage containers)
- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit (bandages, gauze, scissors, rubbing alcohol)
- Flashlight (1 per person with spare batteries for each)
- Gas grill or sterno stove with extra fuel (do not use indoors)
- Hand tools (hammer, nails, ax, knife, handsaw)
- Hygiene and personal care items
- Matches
- Medicine dropper (for bleach)
- Mosquito repellent
- Prescription medicine (three-day supply)
- Trash bags (large plastic)

Visit the city's Emergency Management website
www.cityofpsl.com/em
for comprehensive preparedness information



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HURRICANE WARNING/WATCH (36-48 HOURS IN ADVANCE)

- Check your emergency supplies
- Secure all windows, doors, and garage doors with plywood, shutters, protective covers, or bracing
- Make sure vehicles have a full tank of fuel
- Review evacuation routes
- Leave swimming pools filled
- Have extra cash on hand
- Secure outdoor lawn furniture, trash cans, etc.
- Visit the city's website, www.cityofpsl.com, or call (772) 873-NEWS (6397) to stay informed
- Tune into 88.9 FM for local emergency management updates

Sheltering in place

- Fill bathtub and large containers with water and use for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink.
- Turn refrigerators and freezers to maximum cold and open only when necessary
- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are shuttered
- Be alert for tornadoes which often are spawned by hurricanes
- If the eye of the storm passes over your area, be aware that improved weather conditions are temporary and that storm conditions will return
- Have a battery-powered radio and flashlight on hand
- Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors

Evacuation

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or stay with relatives or friends. If you are elderly or have special needs or health concerns, you should evacuate. The Special Needs Shelter for all residents is located at the St. Lucie County Fenn Center. Make sure to pre-register with the county's Department of Public Safety at (772) 462-8100 or stlucieco.gov/eoc.

AFTER THE STORM

- If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave
- Stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel
- Report downed or dangling power lines to FPL at (800) 468-8243
- If power outage occurs, turn off or disconnect appliances and fixtures

Debris Removal

- Place debris from damage to plants and trees in a separate pile at the edge of the pavement (DO NOT bag or bundle)
- Place debris from damaged structures (screen enclosures, roof tiles, gutters) in a separate pile at the edge of the pavement
- Place normal household waste in plastic bags and then in a garbage can at the edge of the pavement for Waste Pro to recover
- Don't mix items from debris categories (mixed debris may cause your pickup to be delayed)
- Contact Waste Pro only for questions about household waste collection; as the City hires outside emergency contractors to recover storm generated debris

Water and Wastewater Systems

- Conserve water use during and after severe storms or hurricanes
- A precautionary boil water advisory may be issued by a public utility after a severe hurricane until the utility can verify the integrity of its water supply system
- Local residents are served by three distinct water/wastewater utilities:
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 - Reserve Utilities (772) 468-4604
 - SLW Services District (772) 340-0220

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY 911

(Call 911 ONLY to report an emergency)

St. Lucie County Emergency Management
(office line) 462-8100

St. Lucie County Administration: 462-1100

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office
(non-emergency number) 462-7300

St. Lucie County Fire District
(non-emergency number) 621-3400

Lawnwood Regional Medical Center
and Heart Institute: 461-4000

St. Lucie Medical Center 335-4000

Poison Control (800) 222-1222

Florida Power and Light: (800) 4-OUTAGE

Florida Emergency Management
www.floridadisaster.org

National Weather Service
www.weather.gov

Federal Government
www.ready.gov

Official Emergency Public Information

Television:

SLCTV Comcast Channel 21
 AT&T U-Verse Channel 99

West Palm: WPTV - NBC Channel 5
 WPEC - CBS Channel 12
 WPBF - ABC Channel 25
 WFLX - FOX Channel 29

Radio:

WQCS - 88.9 FM

ST. LUCIE COUNTY EMERGENCY INFORMATION LINE

(772) 462 - 4357

OR

(772) 462 - HELP

ST. LUCIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS

15305 W. MIDWAY ROAD FT. PIERCE FL 34945

Phone: (772) 462-8100 Fax: (772) 462-8484

WWW.STLUCIECO.GOV/EOC

Comcast Channel 21

U-Verse Channel 99

(772) 462-6421



Administration 467-3000

Fort Pierce Police Department
(non-emergency number) 467-6800



Administration 871-5001

Port St. Lucie Police Department
(non-emergency number) 871-5000



Preparing for Hurricane Season During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Author: Carlos J. Castillo, Acting Deputy Administrator of Resilience

As you continue to take precautions to keep yourself and your family safe from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is important to stay prepared for other disasters. Hurricane season begins on June 1, and the time to prepare is now.

FEMA continues to coordinate with state, local, tribal, and territorial officials, along with the private sector, to share operational guidance and to encourage hurricane planning that reflects public health guidelines. While many preparedness tools available to you are the same, certain actions may look different while COVID-19 remains a concern. FEMA has updated guidelines for preparing for hurricane season.

Know Your Evacuation Route

Check with local officials about updated evacuation shelters for this year. You should note that your regular shelter may not be open this year due to COVID-19. If you evacuate to a community shelter, follow the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If you are able, bring items that can help protect you and others in the shelter from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, cleaning materials, and two cloth face coverings per person. Children under 2 years old and people who have trouble breathing should not wear cloth face coverings. While at the shelter, be sure to wash your hands regularly. If possible, be sure to maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet of space between you and people who aren't members of your household.

Gather Supplies

Have enough food, water, and other supplies for every member of your family to last at least 72 hours. Consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets or seniors and prescription medications. In addition, it is recommended that you add two cloth face coverings per family member and cleaning items to your kit, like soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, or general household cleaning supplies to disinfect surfaces. After a hurricane, you may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks. Preparing now ensures that you are well-equipped to stay safe if you need to quickly grab your go kit and evacuate to a community shelter.

As you prepare, be mindful that not everyone can afford to respond by stocking up on necessities. For those who can afford it, making essential purchases in advance will allow for longer time periods between shopping trips and help to protect those who are unable to procure essentials in advance of the pandemic and must shop more frequently.

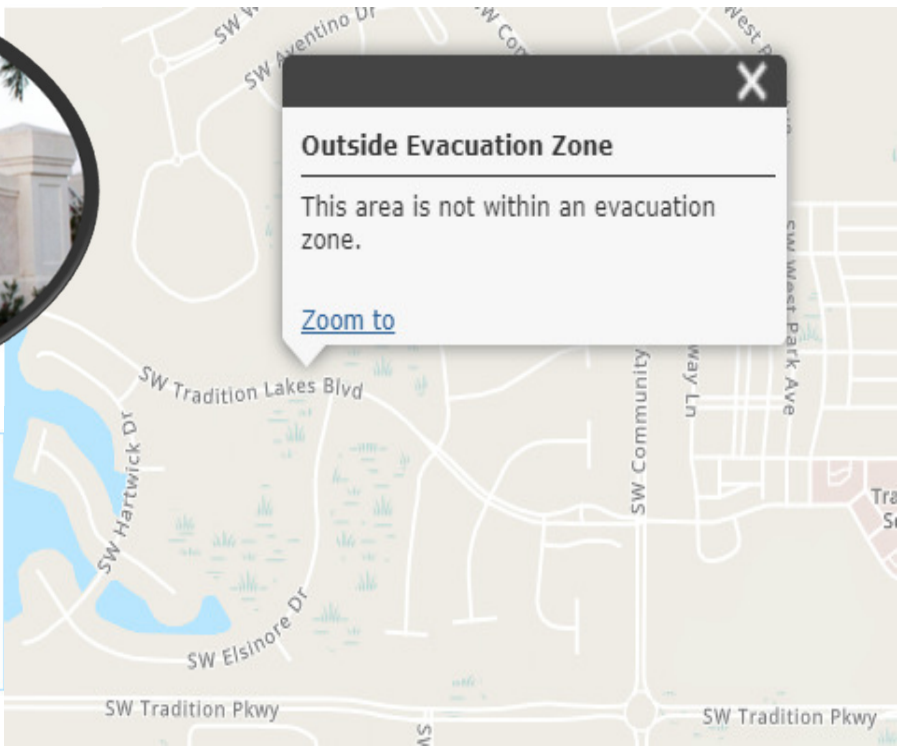
Make an Emergency Plan

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plan. Discuss the latest CDC guidance on COVID-19 and how it may affect your hurricane planning. Don't forget a plan for the office, kids' daycare, and anywhere you frequent.

Download the FEMA mobile app

Download the FEMA mobile app for disaster resources, weather alerts, and safety tips. Available in English and Spanish, the app provides a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, maps of open shelters and recovery centers, disaster survival tips, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service.


Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more tips. Disasters won't wait. Neither should you.



 **Are you in an evacuation zone?**



HURRICANE GUIDE



Hurricane Season runs June 1 through November 30, bringing the possibility of strong and potentially damaging winds and storm surges to the hurricane-prone east and Gulf coasts. If you live in these areas, it's critical that you have a smart and effective hurricane plan in place to help keep your home and loved ones safe.

The FirstService Residential Hurricane Guide



As North America's residential property management leader, FirstService Residential knows how devastating hurricanes can be. As part of our full-service management solution, we prepare tailored Disaster Plans for each managed community, as well as provide comprehensive guidance, information, resources and support to help residents prepare and recover when hurricanes strike.

This Hurricane Guide contains valuable planning and preparation information, timelines and checklists. Please use it as a resource to help keep your family and property safe before, during and after a storm.

What to Expect from Your Community Association Manager

If your community is professionally managed, your Community Association Manager should provide information on how to protect your home and direct community staff in securing common areas, systems, equipment and related assets in the event of a hurricane threat.

FirstService Residential creates a customized, comprehensive Disaster Plan, including emergency evacuation information, for each community we manage. We also conduct annual evacuation drills at each community to ensure residents are prepared. For more information on our hurricane preparation services, [contact FirstService Residential](#).



Before or As Hurricane Season Begins



BEFORE JUNE 1 – or as early in the season as possible – create a personal hurricane preparation plan and share it with each family member

Use our Hurricane Preparation Checklist provided to determine if these items need to be purchased, and assign responsibility for obtaining them.

Many states offer sales tax holidays each year, which can help defray your purchasing costs. Find your state's moratorium dates at:

http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/rate/sales_holiday.html



Compile important addresses and phone numbers

- ▶ Family members
- ▶ Insurance company
- ▶ Shelters (including pet-friendly shelters)
- ▶ Generator-powered gas stations
- ▶ Generator-powered grocery stores
- ▶ Your utility company
- ▶ National Hurricane Center
- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- ▶ Your community association management company



- Select your home's safe room – an interior room, closet or area without windows
- Determine if you live in a mandatory evacuation zone, and, if so, where you will shelter and the route you'll take to get there if an evacuation order is given
- Trim trees and shrubs around your home
- Purchase and/or test existing generators
- Review your insurance policy or contact your agent to ensure you have active personal HO6 policies and special assessment coverage



Consult with Your Community Association Management Company

- ▶ Find out what actions they recommend to prepare your home and community
- ▶ Establish which pre- and post-hurricane activities they and you are responsible for

When a Hurricane is Imminent

The National Weather Service issues alerts for the following conditions within a local area:



Hurricane Watch

An announcement that hurricane conditions are possible in your area

- ▶ Watches are issued 48 hours in advance of anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.
- ▶ Take Action: Begin or continue storm preparation activities and listen for updates from local officials.



Hurricane Warning

An announcement that hurricane conditions are expected in your area

- ▶ Warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.
- ▶ Take Action: Complete storm preparation activities and evacuate if required by local officials.

Hurricane Preparation Checklist



When a hurricane is forecast for your region, immediately begin or complete storm preparations using the checklist below:

When a Storm Could be Headed Your Way (per weather forecasts, 4 – 5 days prior to landfall), gather existing items or purchase:

- At least one gallon of drinking water per person, per day
- Chlorine to decontaminate water
- Non-perishable packaged or canned foods, juices and snack foods
- Can opener (not electricity-powered)
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- Garbage bags
- First aid kit
- Flashlight(s) and batteries
- Candles and lighters or matches
- Battery-powered radio, TV, lantern, hot plate and fan(s)
- Solar-powered cell phone charger
- Gas for barbecue
- Rain gear
- Medicines/prescriptions- Renew and store in a waterproof container
- Baby wipes and hand sanitizer
- Gather insurance documents and store in a waterproof container



When a Hurricane Watch is Issued (48 hours prior)

- Clean, sterilize and fill available containers with water for emergency drinking purposes
- Photograph and/or videotape your property and contents (with date stamps) as baseline documentation. Store images to cloud and/or print and store in waterproof containers
- Pack freezer contents tightly to conserve cold temperatures in case you lose power

GATHER THE FOLLOWING AND SECURE IN LUGGAGE OR WATERPROOF CONTAINERS:

- Reading materials, toys and games for family members
- Toiletries and equipment for family members
- Several changes of clothing
- Blankets and pillows for each family member
- Pet food, water, carriers and leashes. Ensure pets wear ID tags with your name/phone number



When a Hurricane Warning is Issued (36 hours prior)



- Get cash
- Fill car(s) with gas
- Charge cell phone(s)
- Back up computer files
- Install hurricane shutters and/or board up windows
- Store or secure outdoor furniture
- Prepare your pool and spa
- Secure your boat
- Fill bathtub with water to bathe and flush toilet
- Turn off breakers or unplug electronics to prevent damage from electrical surges



During the Hurricane

IF YOU REMAIN AT HOME DURING THE STORM, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW:

- Be sure your entire family stays in your safe room
- Monitor hurricane updates via radio, TV and Internet
- Even if storm conditions subside, stay indoors until you receive official word that the hurricane is over. In many cases, conditions worsen again after periods of calm
- Keep curtains and blinds closed and stay away from windows to avoid injuries from broken windows or flying glass or debris
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep doors closed to retain cold air
- Avoid using your telephone, except for emergencies
- When you do leave your home, use the stairs, not elevators



IF YOU EVACUATE:

- You must evacuate if you live in a mandatory evacuation zone, a high-rise over 15 feet high or if you don't feel safe staying in your home
- Only take what you really need, such as your cell phone, medications, identification (driver's license or passport), clothing, food, water, toiletries and cash
- Before you leave, unplug electrical appliances and turn off your home's gas, electricity and water
- Travel roads and highways recommended by emergency workers, even with traffic, because other routes may be blocked by debris or fallen trees

