



Hurricane Safety Guide Are You Ready?

Watches and Warnings

Hurricane Watch – The National Weather Service issues the advisory when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.

Hurricane Warning – This National Weather Service advisory is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in 24 hours or less.

Hurricane Categories

Category 1 – Winds 74-95 mph

Category 2 – Winds 96-110 mph

Category 3 – Winds 111-130 mph

Category 4 – Winds 131-155 mph

Who Should Evacuate

Plan A – Typically a Category 1-2 hurricane – all residents in the area east of the Intracoastal Waterway AND all mobile home residents.

Plan B – Typically a Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane – all residents in the area east of U.S. 1/Federal Highway AND all mobile home residents.

PLAN NOW to relocate early for any hurricane that may strike our area. Special transportation service to shelters and special needs shelters may be available to you but you **MUST** be pre-registered with Broward County Elderly & Veteran Services 954-537-2888.

Broward County Elderly Services (special needs shelter registration)	954-537-2888
American Red Cross	954-797-3800
Salvation Army	954-524-6991
Broward Hurricane Hotline	954-831-4000
Broward TTY	954-831-3940
Broward Emergency Management	954-831-3900
In emergencies for police, fire or medical assistance	911

Prepare in Advance

In addition to having hurricane supplies on hand (see lists available from www.broward.org.disaster) you must keep a supply of medicine and medical supplies.

Gather important identification information well in advance of the hurricane. Basic identification information can be printed on an armband. More extensive identification should be in a wallet or purse.

- Name, address, phone number and social security number
- Names, addresses and phone numbers of family and friends. This should include people to contact in case of an emergency. List at least one person who lives locally and another who lives out of state. Local contacts may have home damage and downed phone lines, so an out-of-state contact may be easier to reach by phone.
- Medical history
- List of medications and prescribing instructions
- Extra copies of prescriptions
- Names and phone numbers of physicians
- Health insurance information including phone numbers and policy numbers
- A list of models and serial numbers as well as suppliers for medical equipment including pacemakers, feeding pumps, home IV u
- nits, suction machines, wheelchairs
- Have a small bag packed with several changes of clothes, one month's supply of medications, important papers and favorite pictures.



Phone: 954-527-8888
Toll Free: 888-527-8882

Home Health Care and Homebound

If you are a homebound patient and/or dependent on any medical device that requires electricity contact your physician for their recommendation.

If you are receiving home health care service you must insure that your health care service/provider has developed a specific hurricane plan for you.

If you require oxygen, check with your supplier about emergency plans.

If you evacuate, remember to take medications, written instructions regarding your care, your walker, wheelchair, cane, identification, or special equipment along with bedding.

If you need assistance in an evacuation, register NOW with the Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services, 954-537-2888.

Special Medical Needs

All persons with a potentially severe medical need or dependency should contact their service provider or Broward County Elderly & Veterans Services for detailed preparedness information. In addition, if you are dependent on life support systems or any medical device which requires electricity, be aware that the power may be off for some time during and after a hurricane.

Websites

Broward Emergency Management
www.broward.org.disaster
Federal Emergency Management
www.fema.gov
Red Cross
www.arbcc.org
National Hurricane Center
www.nhc.noaa.gov

See Broward County Hurricane Safety Guide on their website
www.broward.org.disaster

See more hurricane information on the National Hurricane Center website