



# 2018 HURRICANE SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Official Hurricane Guide for South Florida

**HURRICANE  
TRACKING MAP**

**STORM SUPPLY  
CHECKLIST**

**EMERGENCY  
INSTRUCTIONS**





## THIS SEASON'S OUTLOOK

A MESSAGE FROM:

# WPBF 25 FIRST ALERT SEVERE WEATHER EXPERT MIKE LYONS

**Let's hope the third time is not a charm this hurricane season.** After Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and Irma in 2017, the last thing we need is a storm in 2018. Yet, we all know a hurricane threat is a real possibility.

Just look at our history, not only in recent years, but for the last several decades. Florida is the hurricane central in the United States and South Florida has been struck by more storms and hurricanes than any other section of Florida. One reason why is simple geography: we stick out into the hurricane highway. So just about every year we will have a least one or two periods of concern.

The good news, especially if you were here for Matthew and Irma, is that you are better prepared for the next storm. I'm guessing you learned a lot from those two storms: what you did right and what you did wrong. Most important, you learned when you must make those critical decisions to prepare you, your family, and your home from the storm.

If, on the other hand, you are new to our area, then this guide is just what you need to get up to speed. In it, you find answers to all your hurricane questions, important phone numbers, a list of shelters, and if you live in an evacuation zone. Read it over. Print it out. Refer to it often, especially during the peak of hurricane season in August, September, and early October.

Of course, we will keep you up to date and ahead of the storm throughout this hurricane season. You can trust the WPBF 25 First Alert Weather team again this year to provide the best, in-depth coverage of any threatening storm.

Let's hope it's a quiet year.

Michael J. Lyons



**LIVE. LOCAL. LATE BREAKING.**



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# BEFORE THE STORM

## HURRICANE **WATCH** CHECKLIST



### Planning

- Review your family plan.
- Check your hurricane supply list.



### Communications

- Have a conventional cord telephone that will work in case of power outage.
- Charge up your cell phones and have a car adapter.
- **Stay tuned to WPBF 25 News and WPBF.COM for weather updates and evacuation orders.**



### Supplies

- Check medical supplies and prescription medicines and have a minimum two-week supply on hand.
- Check all battery-operated TV's, radios, flashlights and lanterns. Make sure they are in good working order with fresh batteries.
- Have enough cash for up to a week. ATMs may be out of cash or not working if power is out.



### Fuel

- Fill all vehicles with gas and park them in a garage or close to the side of your house.
- Turn off propane gas at the tank before evacuating.
- Check with your natural gas provider to determine whether to turn off before leaving.

## TIP

During hurricane season, designate a friend or family member who lives out of state to be your family's single point of contact. That way, you can be sure all your loved ones are accounted for after the storm.



### Shutters

- Locate storm shutters, garage door supports and any hardware or tools necessary for installation.
- Install shutter and supports. Install second story and other difficult shutters first.

## TERMS TO KNOW

### TROPICAL STORM WATCHES AND WARNINGS

Take these alerts seriously. Although Tropical Storms have lower wind speeds than hurricanes, they often bring life-threatening flooding and dangerous winds. Take precautions!

### HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become more difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm-force winds.

### HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.



# BEFORE THE STORM

# HURRICANE **WARNING** CHECKLIST

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## Outside Your Home

- Cover or brace all windows and door openings.
- Remove a door or one screen panel on each side of your pool enclosure to allow wind to flow through, and cutting down wind resistance. This could save your pool enclosure.
- Disconnect propane gas at the tank.
- Bring your barbecue grill and propane tank inside— this may be your only means of cooking during a power outage. (Note: Only use grill outdoors, after the storm has passed.



## Swimming Pools

- Drain swimming pools 6"-12" to allow for possible heavy rainfall – do not drain completely.
- Shock the pool by adding additional chlorine. Stock up on chlorine to keep your pool water clean. In the event of a prolonged power outage you will not be able to run the filter.
- Disconnect power to your pool pump but do not wrap in plastic. If there is flooding, water will collect in the plastic and ruin the pump.
- Use your own discretion about throwing outdoor furniture in the pool. If it sinks to the bottom, it will not blow away but you risk damaging the pool's finish. Do not throw in any metal furniture that is subject to rust.



## Refrigeration/Water

- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
- Freeze water in plastic jugs to help keep your freezer cold when power goes out.
- Stock up on jugs of bottled water – at least seven gallons per person – **one gallon per person per day**.
- Fill bathtub with water for non-drinking use.



## Safety/Valuables

- Prepare your safe room. Stock it with a battery-powered TV and/or radio with spare batteries, sleeping bags, pillows, chairs, snacks & drinking water, and games for children.
- Have a mattress nearby to get under in case your home suffers structural damage.
- Place valuables and personal papers in water-proof containers or zip lock bags.



## Mobile/Manufactured Home Residents

- Turn off main water supply source to your home.
- Turn off gas at the tank but do not disconnect.
- Bring in or secure all outdoor objects.
- **Evacuate.** Do not attempt to ride out the storm in a manufactured home.



## High-Rise/Condo Residents

- Bring in loose objects from balconies.
- Install shutters on windows & doors.
- Evacuate if you are in an evacuation zone.
- Leave early since you have the furthest to travel from the coast.



## If you Evacuate to a Shelter

- Only do so as a last resort.
- Try to eat a meal before entering the shelter.
- Take pillows, blankets and other supplies.
- Check to make sure the shelter is open – all shelters do not open at the same time.

# BE PREPARED

## HURRICANE **SUPPLY** LIST

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### First Aid / Health

- ☐ Prescription Medicine (Two week supply)
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Disinfectant
- ☐ Tincture of Iodine/Water Purification Tablets

### Non-Perishable Food

- ☐ Powdered Milk / Evaporated Milk
- ☐ Canned Meats / Fish (tuna, ham, etc.)
- ☐ Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- ☐ Dried Foods (spaghetti, rice, etc.)
- ☐ Canned Soups / Chili
- ☐ Dried Fruit and Nuts
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Crackers and Cookies
- ☐ Coffee and Tea
- ☐ Peanut Butter and Jelly
- ☐ Pudding
- ☐ Pet Food and Medicine

### Utensils / Food Supplies

- ☐ Ice Chest and Ice
- ☐ Disposable Plates, Glasses, and Utensils
- ☐ Manual Can Opener
- ☐ Baby Food / Formula

### Hygiene

- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Diapers and Wipes
- ☐ Soap and Detergent
- ☐ Bleach for Sterilization (unscented with Hypochlorite, the only active ingredient)

### Rain / Power Outage

- ☐ Spare Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights / Lantern
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Waterproof Matches / Sterno
- ☐ Charcoal and Lighter Fluid
- ☐ Fuel for Generators and Cars
- ☐ Propane Gas (for grills)

### Emergency Repairs

- ☐ Plastic Sheeting / Tarp
- ☐ Duct or Masking Tape
- ☐ Nails, Rope, Lumber, Tools
- ☐ Plastic Garbage Bags

### Recreation / Communication

- ☐ Camera and Film
- ☐ Books, Magazines, and Games
- ☐ Battery-operated TV/Radio and Clock

### Miscellaneous

- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Cash (ATMs may not work after the storm)

TIP 

Prepare one gallon  
of drinking water per  
person - per day.

# BE PREPARED

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

### PHONE LIST

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Post all emergency numbers by your phone, store them in your cell phone, and make sure your kids know how to access them. Your phones could be your lifeline when a hurricane or severe weather hits.

### Emergency Operations and Hotlines

#### SOUTH FLORIDA TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>FPL Outage</b>	(800) 468-8243
<b>AT&amp;T Landline Repair</b>	(877) 737-2478
<b>AT&amp;T Business Repair</b>	(866) 620-6900
<b>Elder Helpline</b>	(800) 963-5337
<b>Crisis Helpline</b>	211
<b>Water Emergency Line</b>	(877) 429-1294
<b>United Way Volunteers</b>	(561) 375-6600
<b>Division of Consumer Services</b>	(800) HELP-FLA
<b>Citizens Insurance</b>	(888) 685-1555
<b>FEMA</b>	(800) 621-3362
<b>Florida Department Financial Services</b>	(800) 227-8676
<b>Tri-Rail</b>	(800) 874-7245

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#### RED CROSS COVERING THE PALM BEACHES & TREASURE COAST

(561)833-7711

#### E.O.C. NUMBERS

<b>Palm Beach County</b>	(561) 712-6400
<b>Martin County</b>	(772) 287-1652
<b>St. Lucie County</b>	(772) 462-8100
<b>Indian River County</b>	(772) 567-2154
<b>Okeechobee County</b>	(863) 763-3212



# YOUR FAMILY PLAN

## WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

Your family needs to be prepared with a disaster plan at the beginning of hurricane season. Taking time now to develop your plan will save time, stress, even lives. Use the resources in this guide and on WPBF.com to develop your family plan.

### In case of a Hurricane Watch:

- Stay tuned to WPBF 25 News, WPBF.COM, or NOAA Weather Radio for storm updates.
- Prepare to bring inside any lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants, and anything else that can be picked up by the wind.
- Prepare to cover all windows of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use precut plywood as described below. Note: Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, so taping windows is not recommended.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Recheck manufactured home tie-downs.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.

### In case of a Hurricane Warning:

- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.
- Be aware that the calm "eye" is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds.
- Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can happen during a hurricane and after it passes over.
- Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way.

### Prepare for High Winds

Locate your hurricane shutters, installation hardware, and tools or purchase precut 1/2"-5/8" outdoor plywood boards for each window of your home. Install anchors for the plywood and pre-drill holes in the plywood so that you can put it up quickly.

Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased and damaged limbs, then strategically removing branches so that wind can blow through.

### What to pack when evacuating:

- ☐ Prescription medications and medical supplies
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Clothing
- ☐ Bedding, including sleeping bags and pillows
- ☐ Bottled water
- ☐ Battery-operated radio
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Car keys
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Important documents (Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.)





## What to pack in your home disaster supplies kit:

- ☐ First aid kit and essential medications
- ☐ Canned food
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ At least seven gallons of water per person
- ☐ Protective clothing/rainwear
- ☐ Bedding and/or sleeping bags
- ☐ Battery-powered radio
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members.
- ☐ Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so.



## Prepare a Personal Evacuation Plan

**1**

**Pick a location before the storm**

Decide ahead of time where to go if you are told to evacuate. Due to the unpredictability of storm tracks, choose several places; a friend's or relative's home in another town, a motel, or as a last resort, a Red Cross shelter.

**2**

**Keep information on hand**

Keep handy the telephone numbers of these places as well as a road map. You may need to take alternate routes if major roads are closed or clogged.

**3**

**Stay tuned for news and updates**

**Stay tuned to WPBF 25 News** for evacuation instructions.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.



### EVACUATING BY CAR

Bring maps. Hurricanes are very unpredictable. If you drive out, the storm could change direction and you could be driving into the path of the storm. Be prepared to re-direct your evacuation. The later you leave, the more likely you will encounter long delays & traffic jams. Leave early and have a backup plan.



### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

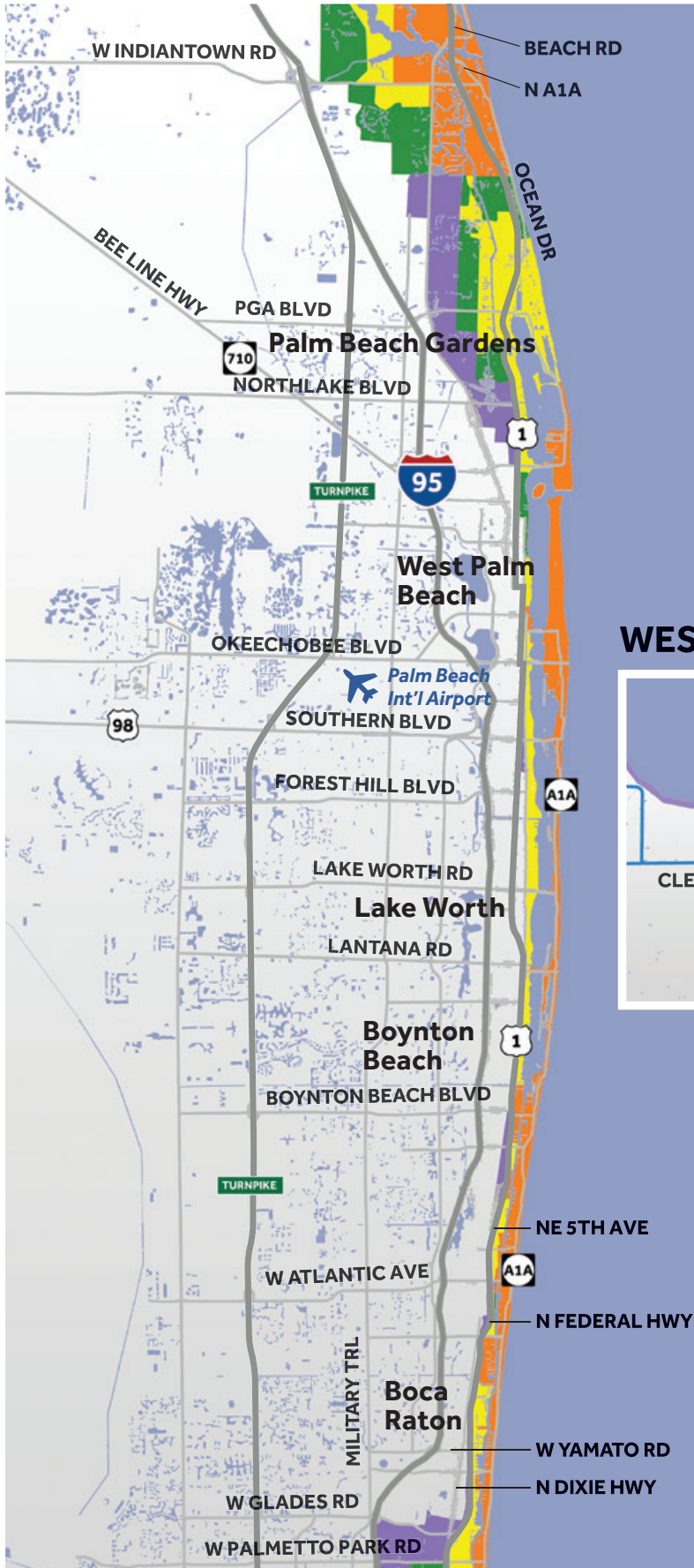
The availability of public transportation is not meant to be a convenient alternative for you and your family during an evacuation. Using public transportation is the means of LAST RESORT. Only take what you can carry and prepare for long lines, slow service, and lack of air conditioning.

## If you do not evacuate:

- Install shutters or check shutters to ensure they are operable.
- Stock up on hurricane supplies on the list in this guide.
- Identify a safe room in your house. A safe room has no windows and will protect your family if your house should sustain damage. Large interior closets, hallways, bathrooms, or stairwells make good safe rooms.

# EVACUATION ZONES

## From Palm Beach County



## WEST PALM BEACH COUNTY



### Palm Beach County Evacuation Zones

#### Zone A

Evacuate if you live in a manufactured home/ mobile home; have substandard construction; or live in a flood-prone area



Zone B

Zone C

Zone D

Zone E



# EVACUATION SAFETY

## ARRANGE TRANSPORT

If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Make arrangements with family, friends or your local government.

## MEETING POINTS

Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.

## GET FUEL

Gas stations may be closed during power outages. Keep a full tank of gas in your car if an evacuation seems likely.

## BACKUP ROUTE

Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.

## MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS

Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.

## DON'T WAIT

Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.

## STAY ON COURSE

Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.

## HAZARDS

Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.

## SUPPLY KIT

Take an emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.

## STAY TUNED

Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.

## From Martin County

### Martin County Evacuation Zones

Mobile Homes MUST ALWAYS Evacuate

Evacuation orders will be determined based on forecasted storm surges for Martin County

Areas that are not in a colored zone are non-evacuation areas

#### Zone AB

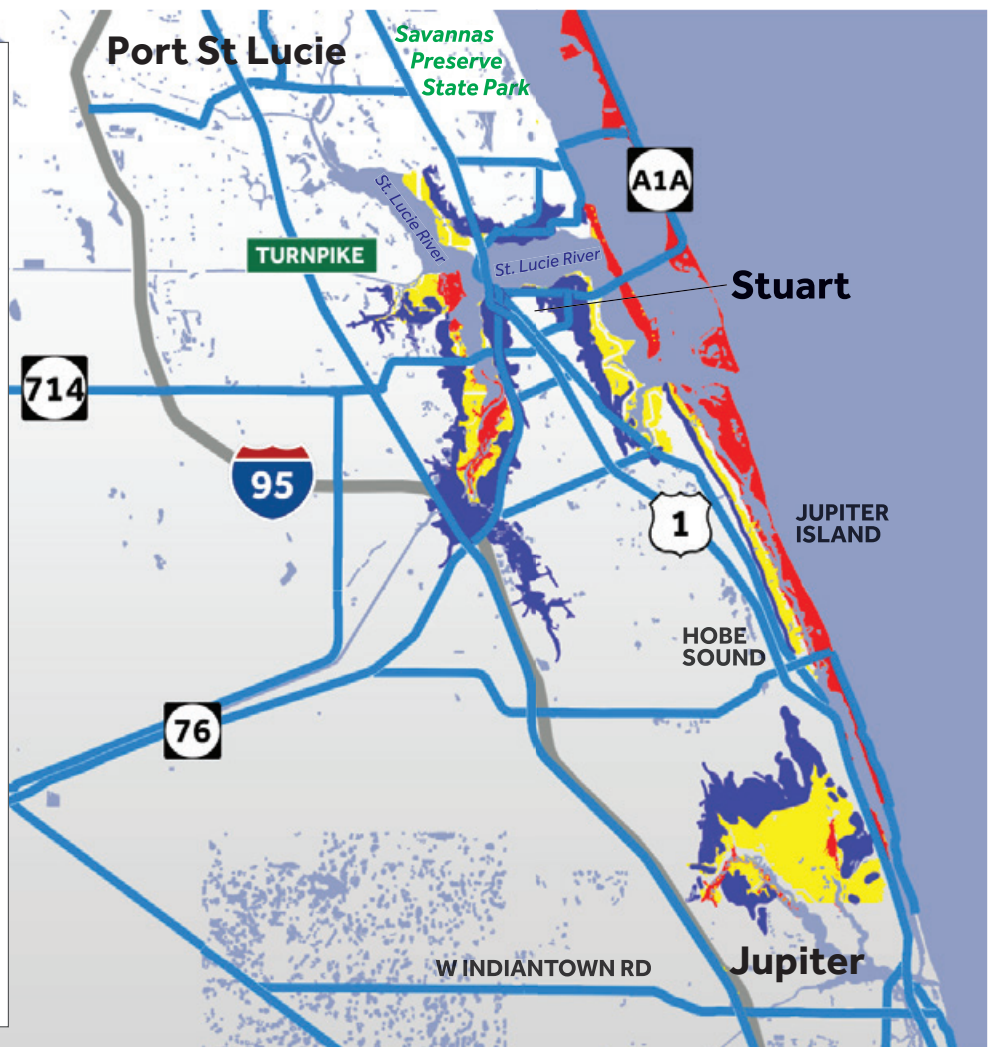
Potential Coastal Storm Surges up to 6 feet- evacuate red areas and mobile homes

#### Zone CD

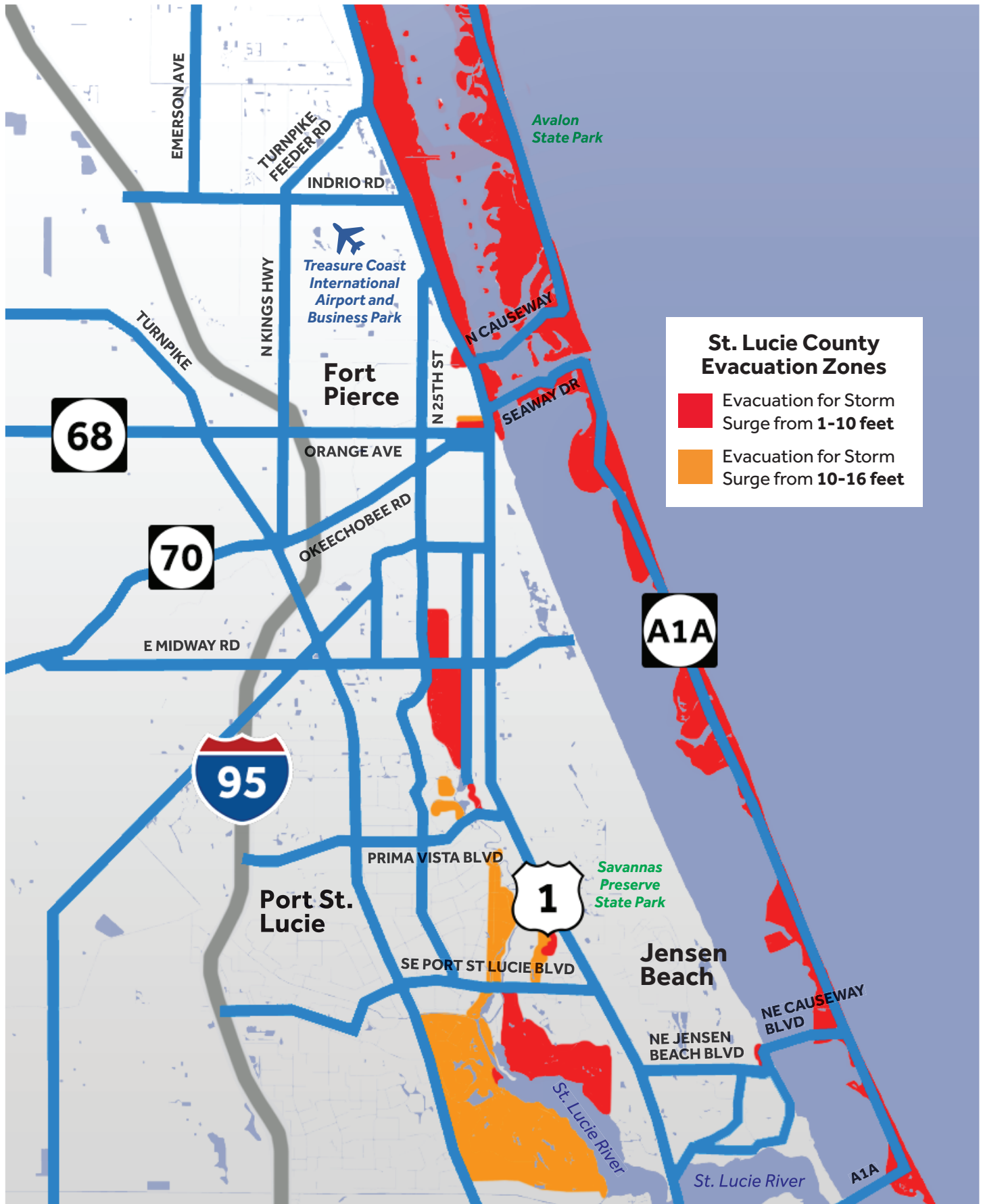
Potential Coastal Storm Surge up to 13 feet- evacuate red areas, yellow areas, and mobile homes

#### Zone E

Potential Coastal Storm Surge up to 16 feet- evacuate red areas, yellow areas, blue areas, and mobile homes

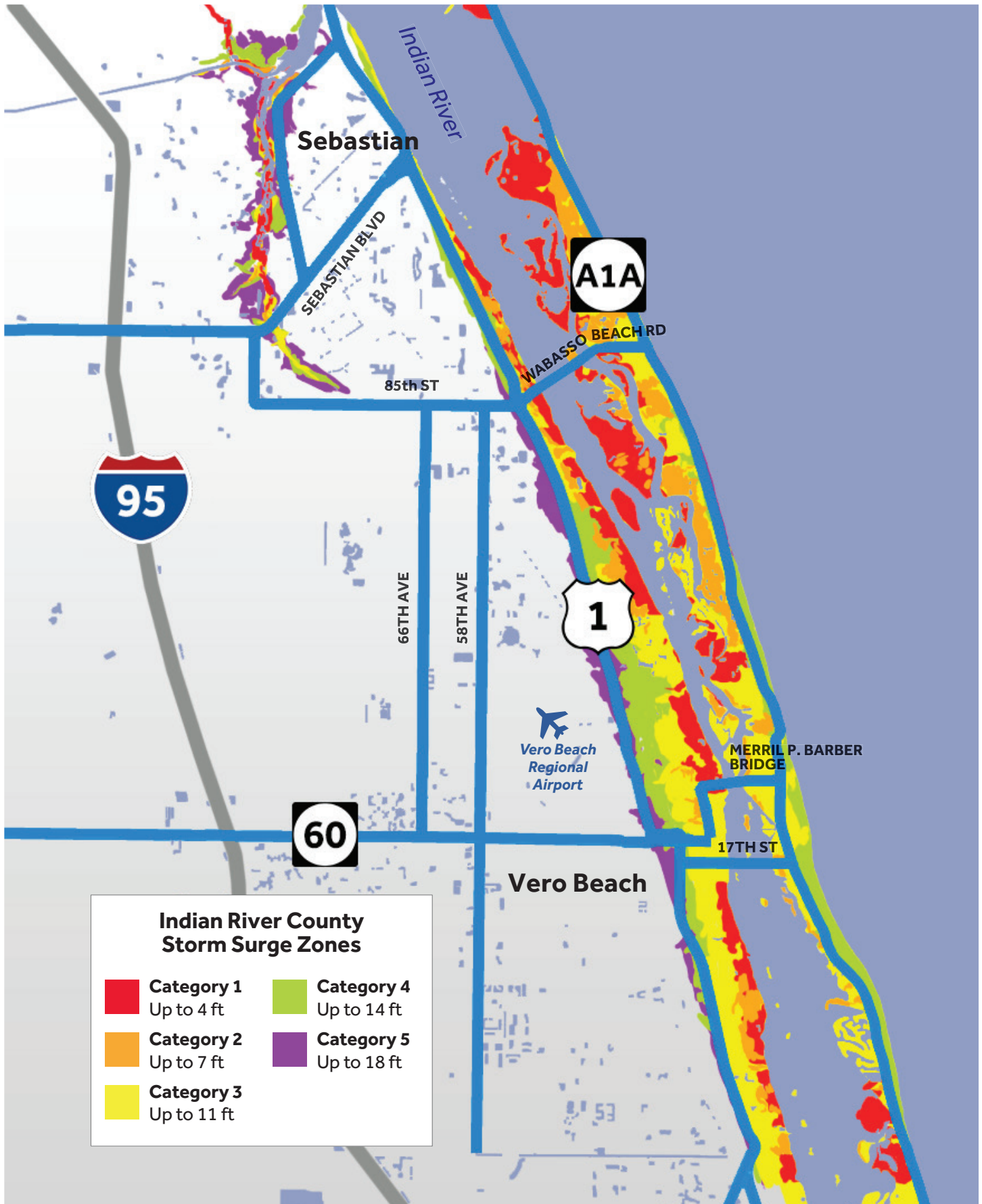


## From St. Lucie County





## From Indian River County



# ANATOMY OF A HURRICANE

## LIFE CYCLE



### FORMATION

Storms in disturbed area of ocean



### TROPICAL DEPRESSION

Thunderstorms start to swirl around a center



### TROPICAL STORM

Winds over 39 mph



### HURRICANE

Winds over 74 mph. Eye of storm 20-40 miles across



### HURRICANE WEAKENS

After making landfall

## Tropical Storm

WINDS **39–73 mph**

Tropical storms are weaker than hurricanes, but can cause flooding from intense rainfall, and some property damage

## Category 1 Hurricane

WINDS **74–95 mph** | STORM SURGE **4–5 ft**

- Possible injuries from flying/falling debris
- Possible damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding, and gutters
- Large tree branches will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled
- Power outages could last several days

## Category 2 Hurricane

WINDS **96–110 mph** | STORM SURGE **6–8 ft**

- Flying/falling debris can be a threat
- Roofing, siding, and glass windows vulnerable
- Can cause structural damage to apartment buildings and mobile homes
- Power outages can last a few weeks
- Stock up on potable water, as filtration systems can fail

## Category 3 Hurricane

WINDS **111–130 mph**

- Mobile/poorly constructed frame homes can be destroyed
- Significant damage to apartments possible
- Extensive inland flooding
- Electricity/water might be unavailable for several days/weeks after the storm

## Category 4 Hurricane

WINDS **131–155 mph** | STORM SURGE **13–18 ft**

- Can cause catastrophic damage to property, humans, and animals
- Severe structural damage to mobile/frame homes and apartments
- Long-term power/water outages can last for weeks to months

## Category 5 Hurricane

WINDS **155+ mph** | STORM SURGE **18+ ft**

- **You should be nowhere near this storm**
- Can cause complete destruction of mobile/frame homes and apartments
- Nearly all trees in area might be uprooted
- Power/water outages can last for months
- Area could be uninhabitable for months



# HURRICANE & SPECIAL NEEDS **SHELTERS**

## Palm Beach County

### **South Florida Fairgrounds\***

9067 Southern Blvd  
West Palm Beach  
(561) 793-0333

### **Palm Beach Central High School**

8499 Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington  
(561) 304-1000

### **Independence Middle School**

4001 Greenway Drive, Jupiter  
(561) 799-7500

### **Palm Beach Gardens Community High School**

4245 Holly Drive  
Palm Beach Gardens  
(561) 694-7300

### **Lake Shore Middle School**

425 W Canal St N, Belle Glade  
(561) 829-1100

### **Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune Elementary School**

1501 Avenue U, West Palm Beach  
(561) 882-7600

### **West Gate Elementary School**

1545 Loxahatchee Dr  
West Palm Beach  
(561) 684-7100

### **Pahokee Middle School**

850 Larrimore Rd, Pahokee  
(561) 924-6500

### **Forest Hill Community High School**

6901 Parker Ave  
West Palm Beach  
(561) 540-2400

### **Seminole Ridge Community High School**

4601 Seminole Pratt Whitney  
Rd, Loxahatchee  
(561) 422-2601

### **John I. Leonard Community High School**

4701 10th Ave N, Greenacres  
(561) 641-1200

### **Park Vista Community High School**

7900 Jog Rd, Lake Worth  
(561) 491-8400

### **Atlantic Community High School**

2455 W Atlantic Ave,  
Delray Beach  
(561) 243-1500

### **Boynton Beach Community High School**

4975 Park Ridge Blvd,  
Boynton Beach  
(561) 752-1200

### **Boca Raton Community High School**

1501 NW 15th Ct, Boca Raton  
(561) 338-1400

### **West Boca Raton**

**Community High School**  
12811 Glades Rd, Boca Raton  
(561) 672-2001

### **PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER**

#### **West Boynton Park and Recreation Center**

6000 Northtree Blvd  
Lake Worth

- Pre-registration required
- Must provide proof of residency in a Palm Beach County mandatory evacuation zone.
- **To pre-register, please call (561) 355-1125**

**\*Accommodations available for Special Medical Needs**

## What to expect at a shelter

- **Evacuation shelters are usually schools or other solidly constructed buildings** that provide a large, safe area.
- **They should always be considered a last resort** if relatives or friends aren't available.
- They tend to lack many comforts such as **bedding, pillows and food - so bring your own.**
- **Space can be limited.** Leave ASAP if your home is vulnerable and under evacuation order.
- **Locations can change from year to year;** stay informed via television, radio and the Internet.
- **Be prepared to live with strangers** in close quarters for the duration of the storm.
- **Daycare is not provided;** supervise your children.

## Martin County

### **Anderson Middle School\***

7000 Atlantic Ridge Dr, Stuart  
(772) 221-7100

### **Citrus Grove Elementary School**

2527 SW Citrus Blvd, Palm City  
(772) 223-2513

### **Hidden Oaks Middle School**

2801 SW Martin Hwy, Palm City  
(772) 219-1655

### **Jensen Beach High School**

2875 NW Goldenrod Rd  
Jensen Beach  
(772) 232-3500

### **Felix A Williams Elementary School**

401 NW Baker Rd, Stuart  
(772) 219-1640

### **Port Salerno Elementary School**

3260 SE Lionel Terrace, Stuart  
(772) 219-1610

### **Warfield Elementary School**

15261 SW 150th St, Indiantown  
(772) 597-2551

### **Indiantown Middle School**

16303 SW Farm Rd, Indiantown  
(772) 597-2146

### **PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER**

#### **Treasure Coast Humane Society**

4100 SW Leighton Farm Ave,  
Palm City

- ONLY for pets of families living in mandatory evacuation zones
- To pre-register, please call (772) 223-8822

## St. Lucie County

### **Havert L. Fenn Center\***

2000 Virginia Ave, Fort Pierce  
(772) 462-1521

### **Morningside Elementary School**

2300 SE Gowin Dr, Port St Lucie  
(772) 337-6730

### **Oak Hammock K-8 School**

1251 SW California Blvd  
Port St Lucie  
(772) 344-4490

### **Treasure Coast High School**

1000 SW Darwin Blvd  
Port St Lucie  
(772) 807-4300

### **West Gate K-8 School**

1050 NW Cashmere Blvd  
Port St Lucie  
(772) 807-7600

### **Windmill Point Elementary School**

700 SW Darwin Blvd, Port St Lucie  
(772) 336-6950

### **Parkway Elementary School**

7000 NW Selvitz Rd, Port St Lucie  
(772) 340-4800

### **Floresta Elementary School**

1501 SE Floresta Dr, Port St Lucie  
(772) 340-4755

### **Fort Pierce Westwood High School**

1801 Panther Ln, Fort Pierce  
(772) 468-5400

### **Lakewood Park Elementary School**

7800 Indrio Rd, Fort Pierce  
(772) 468-5830

### **Fort Pierce Central High School**


4101 S 25th St, Fort Pierce  
(772) 468-5888

### **Samuel S. Gaines Academy K-8**

2250 S Jenkins Rd, Fort Pierce  
(772) 462-8888

### **Chester A. Moore Elementary School**

827 N 29th St, Fort Pierce  
(772) 468-5315

 **No pet-friendly shelters available in St. Lucie county.** Contact your local animal hospital/clinic to make arrangements.

**\*Accommodations available for Special Medical Needs**



## Indian River County

### **Treasure Coast Elementary School\***

8955 85th St, Sebastian  
(772) 978-8500

**Sebastian Elementary School**  
400 Sebastian Blvd, Sebastian  
(772) 978-8200

**Pelican Island  
Elementary School**  
1355 Schumann Dr, Sebastian  
(772) 564-6500

**Sebastian River Middle School**  
9400 Fellsmere Rd, Sebastian  
(772) 564-5111

**Sebastian River High School**  
9001 90th Ave, Sebastian  
(772) 564-4170

**Glendale Elementary School**  
4940 8th St, Vero Beach  
(772) 978-8050

**Storm Grove Middle School**  
6400 57th St, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-6400

**Gifford Middle School**  
4530 28th Ct, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-3550

**Indian River Academy**  
500 20th St SW, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-3390

**Vero Beach Elementary School**  
1770 SW 12th St, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-4550

**Osceola Magnet School**  
1110 18th Ave SW, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-5821

**VBHS Freshman  
Learning Center**  
1507 19th St, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-5800

**Oslo Middle School**  
480 20th Ave SW, Vero Beach  
(772) 564-3980

**Fellsmere Elementary School**  
50 N Cypress St, Fellsmere  
(772) 564-5970

### **PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER**

**Liberty Magnet School**  
6850 81st St, Vero Beach

- ONLY for pets of families living in mandatory evacuation zones
- To pre-register, please call (772) 388-3331 Ext. 28

## Okeechobee County

**Osceola Middle School**  
825 SW 28th St, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5070

**South Elementary School**  
2468 SW 7th Ave, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5087

**Okeechobee High School**  
2800 US-441, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5025

**Yearling Middle School**  
925 NW 23rd Ln, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5056

**Everglades Elementary School**  
3725 SE 8th St, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5108

**Seminole Elementary School**  
2690 NW 42nd Ave, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5116

**American Legion**  
501 SE 2nd St, Okeechobee  
(863) 763-2950

**First Baptist Church**  
401 SW 4th St, Okeechobee  
(863) 763-2171


**Fort Drum Community Church**  
32415 US-441, Okeechobee  
(863) 467-1733

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 SW 6th St, Okeechobee  
(863) 763-3727

**North Elementary School**  
3000 NW 10th Terrace,  
Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5100

**Okeechobee Freshman  
Campus - Auditorium**  
610 SW 2nd Ave, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5288

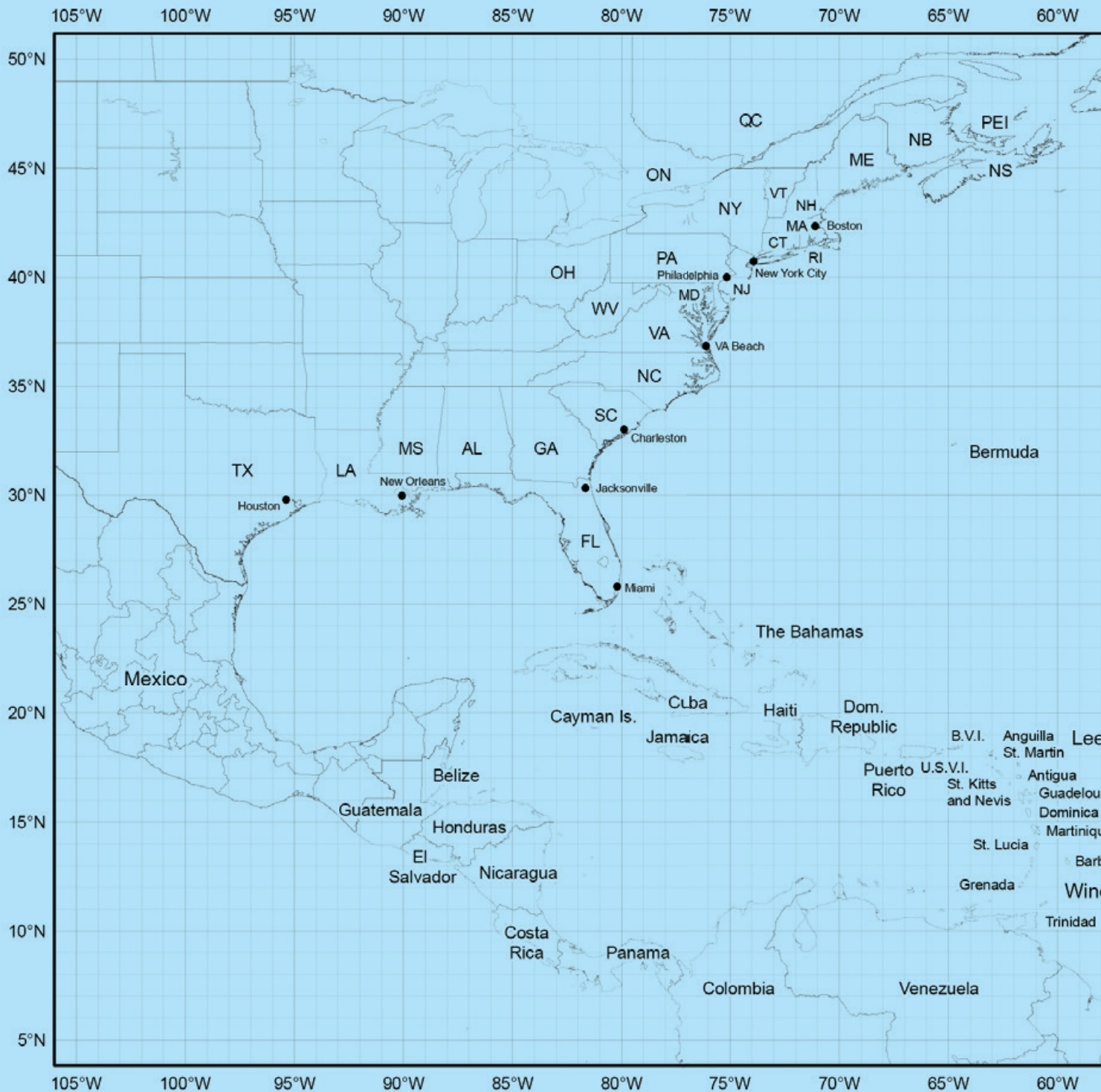
**Okeechobee Achievement  
Academy**  
575 SW 28th St, Okeechobee  
(863) 462-5125

 **No pet-friendly shelters available in Okeechobee county. Contact your local animal hospital/clinic to make arrangements.**

**\*Accommodations available for Special Medical Needs**

# 2018 HURRICANE TRACKING CHART

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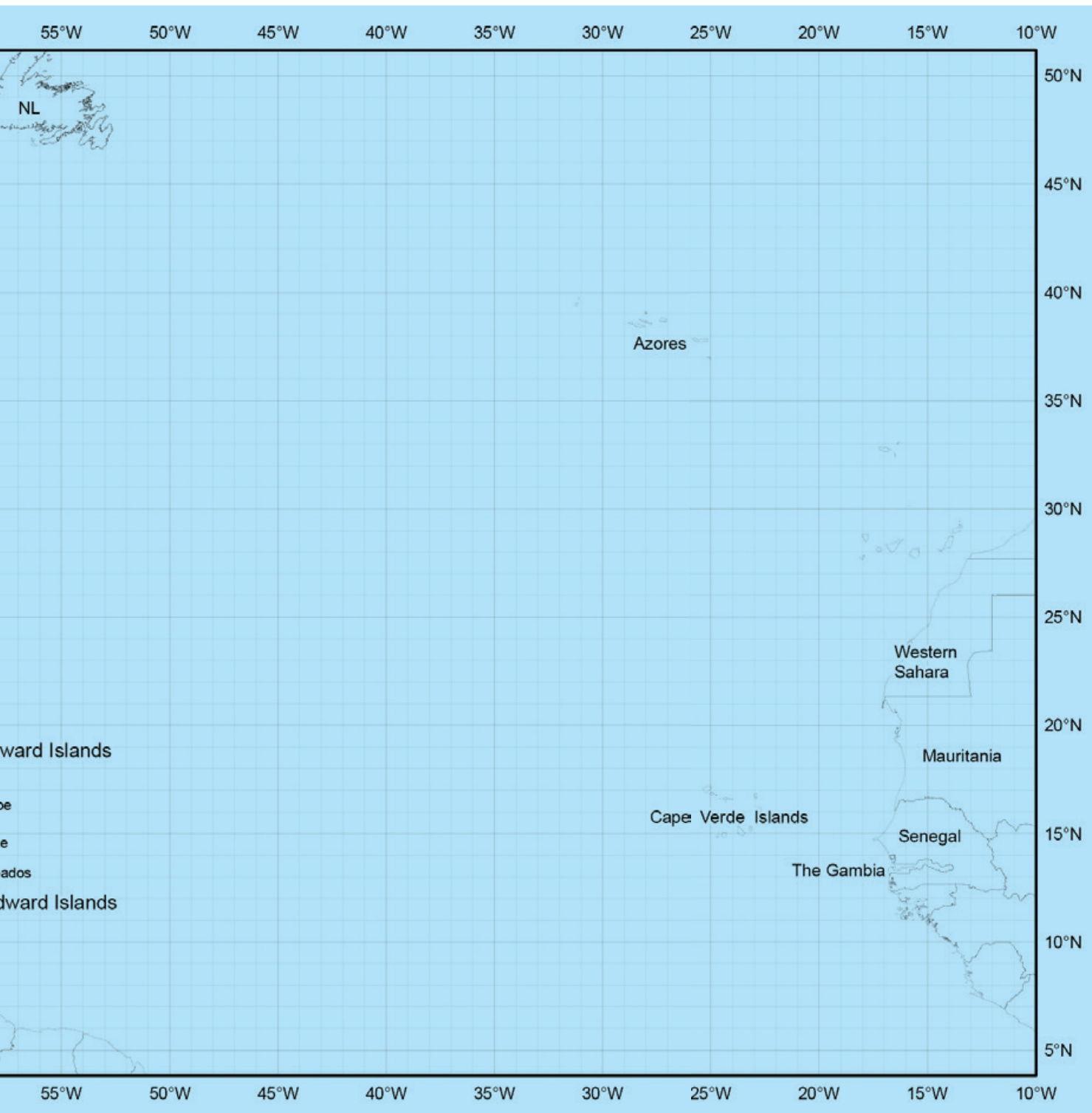


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## 2018 HURRICANES

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HELENE • ISAAC • JOYCE • KIRK • LESLIE • MICHAEL • NADINE • OSCAR  
PATTY • RAFAEL • SARA • TONY • VALERIE • WILLIAM





# BE PREPARED

## PET & ANIMAL SAFETY

Your pet should be a part of your family plan. If you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them too. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in their being injured, lost, or worse.



### ASSEMBLE A PORTABLE PET SUPPLIES KIT

- ☐ Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit.
- ☐ Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can't escape.
- ☐ Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- ☐ Current pet photos in case they get lost.
- ☐ Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems
- ☐ Name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- ☐ Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

### Have a safe place to take your pets.

Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets due to health and safety regulations and other considerations. Service animals that assist people with disabilities are the only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find a shelter for your animals in the midst of a disaster, so plan ahead. Do not wait until disaster strikes to do your research.

- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size and species.
- Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency; include 24-hour numbers.
- Ask friends, or relatives outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals.
- Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets in a disaster. Animal shelters may be overburdened caring for the animals they already have as well as those displaced by a disaster, so this should be your last resort.

### When the storm approaches:

- Plan ahead to protect your pet.
- Call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.
- Check to be sure your pet disaster supplies are ready to take at a moment's notice.
- Bring all pets into the house so that you won't have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.
- Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars and are securely fastened, with up-to-date identification. Attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter, if you know it, or of a friend or relative outside the disaster area. You can buy temporary tags or put adhesive tape on the back of your pet's ID tag, adding information with an indelible pen.

*For more information call your local animal control office number.*



# BE PREPARED **YARD AND LAWN**



## **Pre-Storm Maintenance**

- Trim your trees and any branches that could hit your home in a storm.
- Thin out vegetation to lessen wind resistance.
- Place your tree trimmings at the curb on your vegetation collection day.
- Tie up in bundles of less than 50 lbs. and less than 6 ft in length.
- Clear your yard & property of any bulky waste items early, before hurricane season.



## **As the Storm Approaches**

- It's a good idea to plan ahead and trim your trees at the beginning of storm season.
- Do not trim trees once a hurricane watch or warning has been issued.
- Do not take your trash to the curb or to landfills during a hurricane watch or warning.
- Services will be temporarily halted and facilities may close early for storm preparation.



## **After the Storm Passes**

- Stay tuned to WPBF 25 News for information about waste collection service.
- Residents will be notified when normal pick-up service resumes, although it may be several weeks before yard waste is removed.
- Keep household garbage separate from other waste materials in tied plastic bags in case of a delay in garbage collection.
- Place small debris, loose items and household refuse in garbage cans or tied plastic bags.
- Keep debris away from fences, mailboxes, power poles, transformers, and any downed electric wires.
- Trash and debris will be collected only from curbside or public roadways.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

When the National Hurricane Center began giving official names to storms in 1953, they were all female. This practice of using only women's names ended in 1978.

— Source: National Hurricane Center



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# PROTECTING YOUR **PROPERTY**

## Your Home: After the Storm



### **Making Repairs**

Make temporary repairs to protect your home or property from further damage. Cover holes in the roof or walls with plywood and use heavy-duty plastic to cover windows.



### **Hiring a Contractor**

Before hiring a contractor, verify their license and insurance company.



### **Estimates and Receipts**

Get an estimate first and discuss payment terms. Get receipts for the labor and materials.



### **Price Gouging**

Price gouging is a significant increase in the cost of goods or services following a disaster and is illegal.



### **Save your Records**

Keep records, bills, and paid invoices until your insurance representative visits.



### **Save Evidence**

Take photos of damaged areas and possessions.



### **Federal Disaster Assistance**

Check for availability.

## FILING AN INSURANCE CLAIM

Notify your agent as soon as possible.

Give an address and phone number where you can be reached if you have evacuated.

Present your photos and inventory to help your adjuster assess the damage.

Be patient. Cases are expedited based on severity or hardship.

## Your Boat: Before the Storm



### **Review your Insurance**

Check insurance policies for adequate coverage, making sure you understand any exclusions, and your duties as a vessel owner.



### **Check your Belongings**

Inventory all equipment on board. Remove or secure loose items.



### **Boat Trailer**

If you use a boat trailer, check the tires, bearings & hitch. If you leave your boat on the trailer during the storm, try to store it in a garage or warehouse. Otherwise, park as close to the house as possible.



### **Protect your Hardware**

Check deck hardware, electronics, and the bilge pump. Keep batteries charged.



### **Know your Route**

If you plan on moving your boat on the water, know your route well. Rehearse and time your hurricane plan, then double that time to allow for traffic delays & weather.



### **Bridges may be Locked Down**

When an evacuation order is issued, bridges may be locked in the down position to speed evacuation of the barrier islands. Set sail early to avoid blocked waterways.



# Flooding

**WHEN IT COMES TO HURRICANES, wind speeds do not tell the whole story. Hurricanes produce storm surges, tornadoes, and often the most deadly of all— inland flooding. While storm surge is always a potential threat, in the past 35**

**years, more people have died from inland flooding. Intense rainfall is not directly related to the wind speed of hurricanes. In fact, some of the greatest rainfall amounts occur from weaker storms that drift slowly or stall over an area.**

- Inland flooding can be a major threat to areas hundreds of miles from the coast as intense rain falls from these huge tropical air masses.
- When you hear 'hurricane', think 'inland flooding'.
- Learn your vulnerability to flooding by determining the elevation of your property.
- Evaluate your insurance coverage; floodplains can change due to construction and development of surrounding areas.
- In highly flood-prone areas, keep materials on hand like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, plastic garbage bags, lumber, shovels, work boots and gloves. Call your local emergency management agency to learn how to construct proper protective measures around your home.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels and areas known to flood, so you or your evacuation routes are not cut off.
- Avoid driving into water of unknown depth. Moving water can quickly sweep your vehicle away.
- Restrict children from playing in flooded areas.
- Test drinking water for potability; wells should be pumped out and the water tested before drinking.
- Do not use fresh food that has come in contact with floodwaters. Wash canned goods that come in contact with floodwaters with soap and hot water.

## DO YOU NEED FLOOD INSURANCE?

Flood insurance is available to any property owner located in a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. All areas are susceptible to some degree of flooding, although 25% of all flood claims occur in the low-to-moderate risk areas.

For more information, contact your insurance professional, your local emergency management office, or building department. You may also order a flood map from FEMA's Map service, for a fee, by calling 1-800-358-9616.



### Strengthen your Lines

If you leave your boat in a marina, double all lines. Rig crossing spring lines fore and aft. Attach lines high on pilings to allow for storm surge. Protect all lines from chafing. Remove as much electronic gear as possible.



### Avoid Boats During Storm

**NEVER** attempt to ride out any tropical storm or hurricane on your vessel.



### Stay Anchored

With the manufacturer's approval, fill the hull with water, and put the anchor out. If the storm surge reaches your property the anchor may help the boat stay in your backyard.



### Liability to Neighbors

A final note on liability: You are responsible for any damage to someone else's property caused by your boat so secure it well.

# DURING AND AFTER THE STORM

## During the Storm



### Safety

- Stay inside until the hurricane passes. Make sure the storm has completely passed before going outside your house.
- Keep windows closed. It is a myth that opening a window on one side of the house will equalize pressure.
- If your house begins to sustain damage, cover yourself with a mattress and pillows. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- As winds become more intense, go to your safe room and do not expose yourself to the hurricane's winds.
- If you're in a tall building, avoid the top floors as wind speeds are stronger the higher you go. Go to a safe room.



### Communication

- Stay tuned to WPBF 25 News for updates.
- Use the phone for urgent calls only. Don't use the phone if you hear thunder.



### Power/Light

- Turn off circuit breakers if the power goes out.
- Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- Do not light candles or kerosene lamps during the storm.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Hurricane Andrew (1992) ripped an 80-foot steel beam weighing several tons off a building and flung it more than a block away.**

— Source: Oxlade, Chris. 2006. *Violent Skies: Hurricanes*. Chicago, IL: Raintree.

## After the Storm



### Safety

- Use extreme caution. There may be dangerous situations all around you!
- If your house is damaged, move carefully to get out. Do not return until inspected by officials.
- Always supervise children.
- Do not drink the tap water until officials have announced it's safe.



### Driving/Transportation

- Avoid driving if possible because of debris and road blockage.
- If power is out, gasoline will be in short supply and filling stations will have long lines.
- At intersections with stop lights out, treat it as a 4-way stop and use extreme caution.



### Power/Communication

- Phone lines and cell towers will be damaged or overloaded. Try making calls at "off peak" times.
- If power remains out for an extended period, FEMA will set up relief stations to provide free ice, water and other necessary items.







## Restoring Electrical Service

Repair crews work to return power to the facilities that serve the largest number of affected customers first. Priorities are not established by location, your payment history or how often you call. Crews focus on facilities that provide essential services to your community, such as hospitals, police, fire stations and television or radio stations. Once major repairs have been made, work begins to restore smaller groups and individual customers.

Many areas may experience widespread power outages. For the safety of repair crews, power companies will not begin restoration efforts until wind speeds are below 35 miles per hour. Power outages can last several hours to several weeks. During the wait, a portable generator can help restore life to normal, but its safe use requires care and planning.

### Portable Generator Safety

- Always run portable generators outside the house.
- Never run generators inside, or in a garage.
- Be sure to turn the generators off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts can and does ignite, causing injury and death.
- Keep generators well away from open windows – including neighbors' – so deadly exhaust does not enter the home.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for grounding the generator.
- Never attempt to connect a generator directly to your home's wiring. Power from the generator will "back feed" into utility lines with the potential to severely injure or kill a neighbor or utility crew working to restore service. Instead, plug appliances directly into the generator's outlet.
- Use heavy-duty extension cords rated for outdoor use and place the generator safely outdoors.
- Observe noise ordinances and be considerate of your neighbors.

### STATIONARY GENERATORS

- 5,000 - 20,000 watts
- Start automatically
- Professional installation
- \$5,000 - \$10,000

### PORTABLE GENERATORS

- 3,000 to 8,500 watts
- Runs on gas/propane
- Outdoors only
- \$400 - \$1,000





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