



HURRICANE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS QUICK GUIDE



This guide should be kept in your emergency supply tool kit and reviewed annually with your family for emergency planning purposes. The best time to begin emergency preparations is prior to the start of hurricane season, which begins on June 1. Residents are encouraged to sign up in advance for the **First Call Emergency Notification**, which is a reverse 9-1-1 system. 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
- Have extra cash on hand
- Secure outdoor lawn furniture, trash cans, etc.

RIDING OUT THE STORM

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.

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST/SURVIVAL KIT

- 3-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 (wooden ones are best)
- Medicine dropper (for bleach)
- Mosquito repellent
- Prescription medicine (3-day supply)
- Trash bags (large plastic)

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for comprehensive preparedness information