



# RADER READER

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## DEAR FRIENDS:

As schools start, we are reminded that summer is soon coming to an end. I urge you all to be very watchful for school zones, bus stops, and children crossing the street. Be sure to give yourself more time to arrive to your destinations as many more cars will be on the road. However, let us not forget that we are only half way through Hurricane Season. The information in this newsletter is a continuation of my efforts to assist you in continuing to be prepared for a storm. It is important that we all be proactive in being prepared prior to the formation of the storm.

Please contact my office if you have concerns or need assistance, we are here to help.

*Kevin Rader*



## HURRICANE READY?

There are three components to ensuring that your household is hurricane ready:

### 1 MAKING A PLAN

### 2 BUILDING A KIT

### 3 STAYING INFORMED

#### *Making a Plan*

The time to plan is not when the storm is approaching but as soon as the season begins. I encourage you to create a family preparedness plan which will assist your household with getting organized before the storm. This plan should include safeguarding your home, evacuation to a safer location or shelter, and deciding a meeting place in case you cannot return home. Please be aware that if you require a Special Needs Shelter, pre-registration is encouraged to ensure that they are adequately prepared to meet your needs. If you pre-register, you are not obligated to go to the shelter in an emergency. To do so, call 954-831-3902 for Broward County Emergency Management or 561-712-6400 for Palm Beach County Emergency Management. Pets are not allowed in all shelters, so please pre-register at a pet-friendly shelter near you by calling 561-233-1266 for Palm Beach County or 954 359 1313 for Broward County.

#### *Building a Kit*

It is a good idea to begin compiling the items you will need during a hurricane towards the beginning of the season. Having all of your items stocked at the start of hurricane season will ensure that you are adequately prepared for when a storm does threaten our area. The hurricane kit should include items such as water, nonperishable food, cooking tools, fuel, batteries, flashlights, first aid kits, prescription medications, a radio, cash, important phone numbers, and documents. For further information, please contact your county's Emergency Management department.

#### *Staying Informed*

Follow the most up to date information on the local media to make sure you do not miss any critical announcements, such as evacuation orders. Continue to monitor information before, during, and even after the storm to assure your continued safety. The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) is an excellent resource for updated, accurate information during an emergency or disaster situation. The hotline number is 1-800-342-3557.

## HURRICANE TIMELINE

### 36 - 48 HOURS BEFORE

- Restock the emergency preparedness kit and supplies sufficient for at least three days.
- Keep your car in good working condition, and the gas tank full; stock your vehicle with emergency supplies and a change of clothes in case you must leave in a hurry.
- Implement a communication plan if you lose power. For instance: If you call, text, email, or use social media. Remember that during disasters, sending text messages is usually reliable and faster than making phone calls.

### 18 - 36 HOURS BEFORE

- At this point, there really isn't much time to prepare, but you still have enough time to brief yourself and your family on your city or county emergency plan.
- It is a good time to tie down, or bring inside, any loose, lightweight objects from your yard (such as lawn chairs or garbage cans). When the high winds come, these objects can become dangerous projectiles. Also, be sure to trim trees and cover your home's windows.
- Bookmark your city or county website for quick access to storm updates and emergency instructions.

### 6 - 18 HOURS BEFORE

- The time for preparing has passed. Stay indoors, especially when the estimated time of arrival is near the six-hour mark.
- Keep an ear to the radio and an eye on the TV for weather updates.
- Charge your phone, so you will have a full battery just in case the power goes out.
- Ensure that your storm shutters are closed, and stay away from windows.
- Turn your refrigerator or freezer to the coldest setting and open only when necessary. If you lose power, food will last longer.

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- If the hurricane's eye goes over your area, DO NOT go outside to check on debris or your house. It is the MOST dangerous time.
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Do not drive around barricades.
- Go to a small, interior windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor that is not prone to flooding if sheltering during high winds.
- Continue to listen for current emergency information and instructions.
- DON'T call 911 unless it is a real emergency. First Responder's safety is important too!

## HURRICANE SHELTER PACKING LIST

- **Food & Water:**  
Water, snacks, prepackaged food, and non-perishable canned items.
- **Medications:**  
Bring your prescriptions, glasses or contacts, and any medical equipment you need.
- **Clothing:**  
Bring a change of clothes and footwear for about three days.
- **Bedding:**  
Such as pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags.
- **Hygiene Items:**  
Bring sanitizers, toothbrush, toothpaste, and sanitary items.
- **Important Papers:**  
This includes your ID, proof of residency, and insurance papers.
- **Cash:**  
As a precaution in the case your debit or credit cards do not work.
- **Entertainment Items:**  
This includes children's toys, board games, and books.
- **Miscellaneous:**  
Radios, first-aid kits, and a flashlight.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- State Assistance Information Line:  
1-800-342-3557
- American Red Cross:  
(866) GET-INFO (438-4636)
- FEMA Helpline:  
1 (800) 621-3362
- Florida Power and Light:  
1 (800) 4-OUTAGE (68-8243)
- Florida Department of Transportation:  
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## QUICK LINKS

**Palm Beach County-Emergency  
Management**



**Broward County-Emergency  
Management**

**Florida Division of Emergency  
Management**

**School District of Palm Beach  
County-Student & Parent Info**

**Broward County Public Schools-  
Student Info**

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