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### DEO & COVID-19 UPDATES

- DEO has launched a Virtual Waiting Room for the CONNECT system. Currently, CONNECT can only host about 80,000 concurrent users to work effectively. This CONNECT Virtual Waiting Room allows claimants to reserve their place in line while other claimants access the system.
- Governor Ron DeSantis has directed DEO to continue waiving the work search and work registration requirements for claimants through June 13, 2020. Additionally, the waiting week requirement will continue to be waived through August 1, 2020.
- The Florida Department of Health's COVID-19 Dashboard experienced a glitch impeding access to the dashboard while they were updating on Sunday. It was resolved later that day and the information is now openly available again.

**Palm Beach County Testing Sites**

## Broward County Testing Sites

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# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 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!

# HOME PREPAREDNESS

- Most hurricane damage is caused to the exterior of homes due to high wind speeds. Some efforts can be made as a precaution to reduce harm to your home. It is recommended by the Florida Division of Emergency Management to reinforce five critical areas:
  - Roof
  - Straps
  - Windows
  - Doors
  - Garage Doors
- Wind research has found that by taking steps to protect these areas, home exteriors are strengthened, which causes less damage by wind or debris.
- It is suggested that you bring lightweight and loose objects (such as patio furniture and garbage cans) inside to prevent them from becoming projectiles in high winds. Not all outdoor items are safe indoors (for instance propane tanks), so be sure to anchor them well. Lastly, it is a good idea to remove or trim trees that are close to homes or buildings.

## Prepare — CO Generator Safety



**Prepárese — Seguridad Del  
Generador De CO  
(Prepare — CO Generator  
Safety)**



# STATE & COUNTY RESOURCES

## BROWARD COUNTY EMERGENCY RADIO STATIONS

- CORAL SPRINGS: WQFL 1670 AM
- HALLANDALE BEACH: WQFQ236 1620 AM
- LAUDERHILL: WQFF542 1650 AM
- OAKLAND PARK: WQEI665 1680 AM
- PLANTATION: WQFL341 1620 AM
- SUNRISE: WPDA943 1610 AM
- WESTON: WPUV867 1680 AM
- WILTON MANORS: WQHF575 1630 AM

The Broward County Call Center can be reached by calling 311, or 954-831-4000.

## PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Boca Raton: 561-982-4900
- Greenacres: 561-642-2000
- Town of Palm Beach: 561-227-7070
- Riviera Beach: 561-812-6597
- Wellington: 561-791-4000
- West Palm Beach: 561-822-2222

The PBC Emergency Information Center can be contacted by dialing 561-712-6400

## ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL): 1-800-342-3557
- Elder Services: 1 (800) 963-5337
- FEMA Helpline: 1 (800) 621-3362
- Florida's 2-1-1 HelpLine: 211
- Florida Power and Light, Outages, or Downed Power lines: 1 (800) 468-8243
- Florida Department of Transportation: 511

**FL Division of Emergency Management Preparedness Checklist**

**FL Division of Emergency Management Medication Tips**

**Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Quiz**

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