

# **Are you Prepared for Hurricane Season?**

Dear Palm Beach County Residents:

This morning, my office and other members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation took a tour of our Emergency Operations Center. The team at Emergency Management works tirelessly to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters on our community through education, planning, and response by coordinating information and resources. They are more than prepared for a major storm - are you?

Disaster preparedness is critical in keeping ourselves and our families safe. With only a week into the 2021 hurricane season, let's take steps now to minimize stress and prepare our households for disasters. Please review the Emergency Management team's four-step plan below.

My office stands ready to disseminate important information from the Division of Emergency Management should a storm system befall our county. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,

Joi Benni



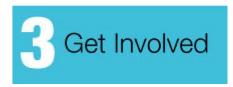
### Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility!

- Find out what reoccurring hazards are prone to your local area. <u>Click here to consult the Palm Beach County Evacuation Tool for Storm Surge</u>
   Information.
- Familiarize yourself with Evacuation Zones and Locate Evacuation Risk Shelters near your area.
- Determine where you can get building supplies or groceries during a disaster.
- Make a Family Disaster Plan and practice it with family members.
- Plan how to stay in touch with family and friends if everyday methods of communication are not available.
- Click here to pre-register for Special Needs and Pet-Friendly Shelters.



# Having the right items during a disaster can make all the difference!

- Emergency Essentials
- Important Documents
- Specialty Items
- Click here for a comprehensive checklist of emergency items.



## Preparedness is a responsibility we all share!

- Volunteer with an organization active in disasters such as: the American Red Cross; Salvation Army; CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); United Way of Palm Beach County; and the Palm Beach County Medical Reserve Corps.
- Engage with the Emergency Operations Center by reporting damage in the PBC Dart App.
- Spread the word!



### Know where to go for current and accurate information!

- Monitor local media sources.
- Click here for a list of local radio and television stations.
- <u>Sign up for AlertPBC notifications</u> to receive critical, timely information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.
- Download the PBC DART App (Disaster Awareness and Recovery Tool):
  - o <u>Click here for the iOS version</u>, or <u>here for the Android version</u>.

Click here for the Official PBC Hurricane Planning Guide



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