



To All Tidewater Estates Residents,

It is that time of year again when we all need to prepare in advance for Hurricane Season. It is advisable to stock up on any necessary supplies now as some items are already in a shortage due to the COVID19.

First and foremost, the most important thing is the safety and welfare of the residents. Now is a good time to get to know your neighbors. Each person should make sure they have contact information for someone in the community that will periodically check on them to ensure they are safe. Take a moment knock on a neighbor's door and offer to check on them if needed, or even help get supplies if they are in need of assistance.

Now is also a good time to evaluate what you have around your home outside that should be removed. Any items, such as flower pots, trash cans, statues, etc. are the type of items that can cause damage by being blown in high winds. Not only can flying objects damage your home, but damage your neighbors.

Due to COVID 19 it is suggested you call the numbers below to get updated information on what shelters will be open.

## **How to Prepare?**

Get your family and home prepared this season before severe weather strikes:

1. Know where to go. If you are in an evacuation area, know the evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan on where to stay.
2. Put a disaster bag together in the event you need to evacuate. This should include a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid, medications, and copies of your critical information.
3. If you are not in an evacuation area and are planning on staying in your home plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and cannot leave due to flooding and blocked roadways.
4. Make a family emergency communication plan.
5. Make sure you have cash and gas: Gas stations and ATMs may not be open or have power during a storm.
6. Stock up on food and supplies: Grocery stores may be closed, make sure you have supplies for at least 3-5 days.
7. Bring the outdoors in: Any outdoor furniture, trash cans, and signs can blow away damaging homes and injuring people.
8. Cover windows with hurricane shutters, storm panels or boards: Protect your windows from flying debris.
9. Listen to local forecasts and NOAA radio: Stay up-to-date about potentially life-threatening emergencies, weather observations and forecasts.

## **A basic emergency supply kit should include the following recommended items:**

- Water: one gallon of water per person per day
- Food: non-perishable
- Battery powered radio or hand crank radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Cell phone with car chargers and backup battery
- Medications

## **Important Numbers & Contacts**

**Shelter Registration:**

954-357-6385

## Transportation Registration:

954-357-6385

## Residents at Risk Registry:

954-831-4000 or call 3-1-1

## Pet-friendly Shelter Registration:

954-989-3977, press 6

## Do I Need to Evacuate?

954-831-4000

## After the Storm

If you have damage to your home:

- Check that it's safe to go outdoors after the storm
- Survey the damage to your home
- Compare your home to these [4 Home Damage Assessment photos](#)
- Select the level that best represents the current state of your home
- You can report your damage by phone, web site or mobile app:
- By phone: Call the Hurricane Hotline at 311 or 954-831-4000
- By web site: Click [broward.org/ReportHomeDamage/](http://broward.org/ReportHomeDamage/)
- By mobile app: You only need to select the photo that best represents the level of damage to your home since the cell phone's location is automatically geo-coded to a map.
- Contact your insurance company: Act promptly when filing claims for damages that affect your property from a storm. Make sure you have your policy number available and make a list of the damages by documenting them with photos.

Remember prepare early, be a buddy with your neighbors to check on them before, during and after the hurricane.

Thank you and be safe,

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