



2015 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SERIES

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HURRICANE SEASON UNDERWAY TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

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REGISTER NOW SPECIAL NEEDS OR VULNERABLE POPULATION

Pre-registration is required in advance for the elderly, the vulnerable, those with special needs and those who need pet shelters.

Call 3-1-1 for any hurricane registration needs.

At the 2015 Weston Disaster Preparedness Symposium on May 28th, residents received first hand information from three top leaders in their fields.

Mr. Stacy Stewart, Senior Hurricane Specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami; Craig Setzer, Chief Meteorologist, CBS 4, Miami and John R. Flint, Weston City Manager, who were moderated by



Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon. The event was sponsored by the City and the Weston Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The presentation covered an array of preparedness, disaster, and response information for residents and businesses.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Setzer are both Weston residents who were very happy to see the community interest in emergency preparedness. Both came arrived from the National Hurricane Center in Miami where President Obama had been briefed on the official forecast earlier in the day.

The good news: The 2015 Atlantic hurricane season will likely be below-normal.

The bad news: There is a 20 percent chance of an above-normal season.

The constant news: It only takes one.

The prediction provides a 70 percent likelihood of 6-11 named storms; 3-6 of which could become hurricanes; including 0-2 major hurricanes.



Craig Setzer, Chief Meteorologist, CBS 4, Miami

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June 2, 2015



Supplies: Mayor Daniel Stermer mentioned to attendees that hurricane preparedness lists are readily available, including on the Weston [website](#), but the shopping should be done now, not later. It is significantly easier to grab supplies now than when everyone is in line and supplies may run out. The first 72 is up to you – unless you have a medical emergency, you need to be prepared to be self sufficient for 72 hours.

Another suggestion was the win-win situation of donating hurricane food supplies in November to the local Harvest Drive if we get so lucky as not to have a storm.

Weston City Manager John Flint provided an overview of how the City responds to a disaster, the policies, structures and funding that is in place, and ensured the public that everyone would be taken care of. A caveat to that, particularly in the sense of disaster debris collection, is that someone will be first and someone will be last. All main roadways will be cleared first. As for residential debris, the areas receiving attention first will be dependent upon access, the size of equipment that first responds and other factors all of which will determine the most effective and efficient response.

Mr. Flint asked attendees to take an **“Adopt-A-Catch Basin”** philosophy. Stressed also by Mr. Stewart, clogged catch basins can cause extensive flooding in neighborhoods. Locate the nearest one to your home and ensure there is nothing blocking it. Storm drains within gated communities are the responsibility of the Homeowners Association, but residents are encouraged to act proactively in the event of a storm and remove any debris.



For more information:

[Weston Hurricane Information](#)

[Broward County Hurricane Information](#)

[National Hurricane Center](#)

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CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

To join the next Weston training class, please call 954-389-2015.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ALERTS FROM



Emergency Communication Made Easy.

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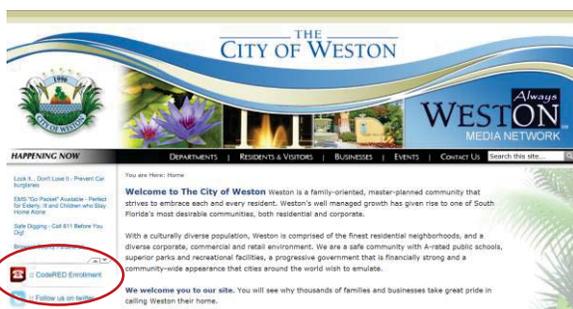
With the arrival of Hurricane Season, the City of Weston reminds residents and businesses to sign up for CodeRED to receive important emergency alerts.

What is CodeRED?

CodeRED is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows the City to send critical communications, to all or targeted areas within the City, in a situation that requires immediate action.

Register today!

Registration is simple and takes only a few minutes. Visit www.westonfl.org and click on CodeRed Enrollment (circled below) and follow the prompts to input the required contact information.



Don't have a computer?

Call the Weston Communications Department at 954-385-2000.

How does CodeRED work?

Capable of dialing the entire City within minutes, **CodeRED** delivers a recorded message from the City of Weston describing the emergency situation and any instructions for immediate or future action. The number will display on Caller ID as **866-419-5000**. To hear the last message delivered, simply dial the number back. If you opt-in for text message and/or email alerts, those will also be sent simultaneously.

Already enrolled? Be sure to verify your registration. Make it part of your annual hurricane preparedness plan to log on to **CodeRED** to update phone numbers, opt in to receive text message and/or email alerts.

PRIVACY: Your contact information remains private and is only used for critical communications.

THIS SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY AND LIFE SAFETY PURPOSES.

The CodeRED system is used by the City of Weston to send out alerts such as drinking water contamination, extended utility outages, evacuation notice and route, missing person, fires, floods, bomb threat, hostage situation, chemical spill or gas leak, hurricane response and cleanup and other incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential.

Ready. Set. Safe. Follow us! @CityofWeston @ReadyBroward



PETS REQUIRE PLANNING TOO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

TOP TIPS

#1: **License & Vaccinations:**

Make sure your pet has all of its proper vaccinations and Broward County pet registration.

Shelters, kennels and hotels will not accept a pet without proper documentation.

#2: Pet ID: Keep current identification on your pet (including indoor cats). A County license, name tag, microchip or tattoo, are all ways your pet can be identified if it becomes lost.



DON'T FORGET THE PETS

If you have pets, a **Pet Survival Kit** should be a part of your preparedness plan.

The kit should include:

Enough food, kitty litter and bottled water for two weeks, leashes and collars (nylon or leather), medications, cleaning supplies, puppy training pads and a carrier for each pet.

Records: In addition, your kit should have copies of your pet's rabies certificate and Broward County license, as the license is the easiest way someone can identify your pet if it gets lost.

Photo: Take a picture of you and your pet together (this helps prove the pet is yours). Also, take a picture of your pet by itself. Be sure to photograph any distinguishing marks that will help with identification.

Sanitation: For dogs, set aside an area of the house so the dog can go to the bathroom when the weather becomes too severe to go outside. Have cleaning products, puppy training pads or newspapers. Have a litter box and litter for cats; and bedding material for other pets. Fish tanks can be fitted with an adapter or batter power.





WATCH VS. WARNING

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Understanding the difference between National Weather Service *watches* and *warnings* is critical to being prepared for any dangerous weather hazard, including hurricanes.

A *watch* lets you know that weather conditions are favorable for a hazard to occur. It literally means "be on guard!" During a weather watch, gather awareness of the specific threat and prepare for action - monitor the weather to find out if severe weather conditions have deteriorated and discuss your protective action plans with your family.

A *warning* requires immediate action. This means a weather hazard is imminent - it is either occurring (a tornado has been spotted, for example) - or it is about to occur at any moment. During a weather warning, it is important to take action: grab the emergency kit you have prepared in advance and head to safety immediately. Both watches and warnings are important, but warnings are more urgent.

Tropical Storm Warning: An announcement that tropical-storm conditions are *expected* within the specified area.

Hurricane Warning: An announcement that hurricane conditions are *expected* within the specified area. Because outside preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, **warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.**

Action:

During a watch, prepare your home and review your plan for evacuation in case a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning is issued. Listen closely to instructions from local officials.

During a warning, complete storm preparations and immediately leave the threatened area if directed by local officials.

Did you know...? Hurricane Category Chart

- 1: 74-95 mph
- 2: 96-110 mph
- 3: 111-130 mph
- 4: 131-155 mp
- 5: over 155 mph



HURRICANE NAMES FOR THE 2015 SEASON

Have you ever wondered how hurricanes are named?

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Originally, hurricanes were designated by a system of latitude-longitude, which was a great way for meteorologists to track them; however, things got very confusing once the public began receiving multiple storm warnings and wanted to follow a particular storm.

Therefore, a system of names was created to help refer to the storms, making it easier to track and remember each unique storm.

For more information, visit the National Hurricane Center at:
www.nhc.noaa.gov

In 1953, the National Weather Service picked up on the habit of Naval meteorologists naming the storms after women. In 1979, male names were inserted to alternate with the female ones.

There are actually six lists of names in use for storms in the Atlantic. These lists rotate annually. For example, the list for this year's names will not be reused for six years, with one exception: storms so devastating that reusing the name would be inappropriate.

In this case, the name is permanently removed from the list and another name replaces it. There will not be another Hurricane Andrew, because Andrew has been replaced by Alex on the list.

2015 Hurricane Names

Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Joaquin	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Erika	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED REGISTER FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – *A Continuing Series*

The importance of having a hurricane preparedness plan in place cannot be stressed enough. Families and businesses should take steps to be ready. These include developing a communications plan, putting together a kit, and staying informed of the latest forecasts and local emergency plans.

You cannot control when a hurricane or other emergency may happen, but you can make sure you are ready. The following table provides all of the numbers you need to know to be prepared before a storm threatens our area.

Please visit westonfl.org/hurricane or broward.org/atrisk for more important details.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

Pre-registration is required in advance for the elderly, the vulnerable, those with special needs and those who need pet shelters.
You may always call 3-1-1 for any hurricane registration needs.

Special Needs Shelter - Pre-register before use	954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608 www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtRisk/Pages/SpecialNeeds
Vulnerable Population Registry - For elderly, frail or disabled	954-831-4000 www.broward.org/registry
Pet-Friendly Hurricane Shelter	954-989-3977 (Broward Humane Society) humanebroward.com/hurricane-news/
Large Animal Registration	954-831-4000 www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtoZ/Pages/LargeAnimalRegistry
American Red Cross of Broward County	954-797-3800 browardredcross-org.redcrossfl.com/
County Hurricane eMail Updates	http://www.broward.org/hurricane/Pages/Default.aspx
Weston CodeRED Emergency Notices	954-385-2000 www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx
Weston E-Notification Systems	954-385-2000 www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx
Broward County Hurricane Website	www.broward.org/hurricane



MAKE A PLAN

Create an Emergency Preparedness Plan for your home or business
<http://FLgetaplan.com>
or visit



PLANNING IS KEY TO PREPARATION

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A family emergency and communication plan is an important part of preparations for the hurricane season. Here is a step-by-step list. The key is to START NOW – well in advance of a hurricane threatening our area.

- **STEP 1 Hold a family meeting and create a communication plan**

Make a plan to secure your home and assist family members who need assistance with shutters, removing patio furniture and other items. Assign tasks to each family member so everyone knows their responsibilities. Make an [Emergency Communication Plan](#), so that all family members know where to go and who to contact should you become separated.

- **STEP 2 Discuss shelter options**

Determine where you will go if a storm threatens our area. General Population Shelters provide only basic needs. A shelter should be your choice of last resort.

- **STEP 3 Ensure your assets are protected**

Inventory (and photograph) your home possessions, review insurance policies to ensure for adequate coverage. Keep important records in a water-proof and fire-proof container.

- **STEP 4 Assess your home for vulnerable areas**

Evaluate your roof, windows, garage door, landscaping, etc. and determine what actions can be taken now to help secure your home prior to a storm threatening our area.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AT

City of Weston
Hurricane Preparedness
Tips and Resources
Westonfl.org/Hurricane

Broward County
Emergency Management
Call 311 or visit
Broward.org/Hurricane

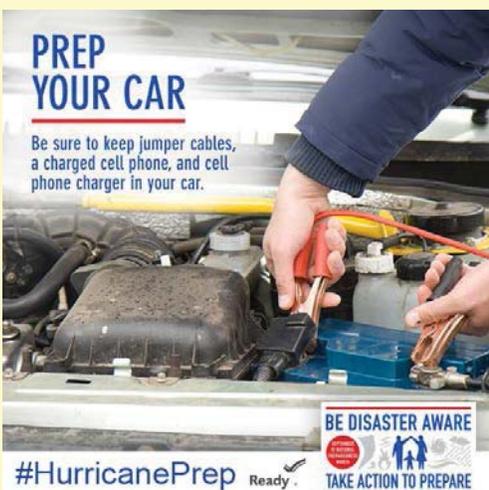
Broward County
Special Needs and
Vulnerable Population Registries
Broward.org/AtRisk



Planning is Key to Preparation

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- **STEP 5 Make a plan to protect your vehicles**
Decide where you will store your vehicle, boat or recreational vehicles.
- **STEP 6 Secure your home**
Decide what actions you will need to take to protect your home and property (shutters, generator, trim trees) once a storm watch is issued.
- **STEP 7 Determine if anyone in your home needs special assistance**
Discuss whether anyone in your home is elderly or has special medical needs and, if so, register with Broward County to be on the Special Needs or Vulnerable Population registries.
- **STEP 8 Make a plan for your pet**
Determine how you will address your pet's needs and make a plan for your pet in case you have to evacuate. Be sure to plan for large animals such as horses.
- **STEP 9 Gather your supplies**
Determine your family's food, water and medical needs and assemble your family's [Disaster Survival Kit](#). Visit Westonfl.org/Hurricane for a list of recommended items.
- **STEP 10 Notify others of your plan**
Let family or friends know what your hurricane plan is so they can check on you in the aftermath of the storm.





HURRICANE KIT SHOPPING GUIDE

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All residents are encouraged to prepare a hurricane supply kit. Being prepared is the key to safely weathering a storm, or any other disaster. The Shopping Guide below identifies the basic items required to comfortably sustain you and your family for a few days following a storm that may leave you without power and drinking water.

[Click here](#) for additional details online.

FOOD GROUPS:

- **Bread** Crackers, pretzels, melba toast, rice cakes, cereal, nutritional bars
- **Meat** Canned tuna, chicken/turkey, beans, peanut butter and beef jerky
- **Milk** Shelf stable milk, powdered milk, boxed pudding, nutritional drinks
- **Vegetable** Canned vegetables, soups of all types, canned 3-bean salad
- **Fruit** Canned fruit, applesauce, dried fruits and 100% fruit juice
- **Snacks** Trail mix, granola bars, cookies, hard candy, instant coffee, etc.

WATER:

At least one gallon per person, per day is needed, for approximately 3 - 5 days. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene.

OTHER SUPPLIES TO HAVE IN STOCK:

- Items for infants, toddlers and elderly
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Manual can opener
- Coolers for ice and food
- Charcoal, sterno or propane for grill or camp stove
- Disposable paper goods, plastic utensils, garbage bags and re-sealable plastic bags
- Tool kit, including duct tape, gloves, saw, tarp, rope, and other small tools. Include garbage bags, broom, etc.
- Pet supplies for 3 – 5 days
- Clothing and blankets, including rain gear and closed shoes
- Portable AM/FM radio – battery-operated or hand crank
- Hard-line telephone with jack (not cordless)
- First aid kit and prescription medicines
- Mosquito repellent, sunscreen
- Cash and fuel for vehicles and generators





CREATE ASSET INVENTORY LISTS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

Don't wait for a hurricane to ensure your valuables are recorded and securely stored.

Prior to a storm, create an inventory of your home possessions and videotape or photograph items of value inside/outside your home. Once you have your inventory list, video and/or photographs, place them in an airtight fire proof storage container to ensure that water cannot permeate through. This information is an important tool to have if you have any damage done during a storm and need to report it to your insurance company.

Also, be sure to review your insurance policies now to ensure you have adequate coverage during the storm season.

Once a hurricane watch has been issued, insurers WILL NOT issue new or allow you to purchase additional coverage.

When photographing electronics, be sure to take a picture of the serial number panel on the back. This will give you all the information necessary to file it on a claim. Make sure to take the picture close enough so you can read the numbers for the most accurate information.

You should have two pictures for each item, one to depict the item itself and one for the serial number panel. It also doesn't hurt to put the information down in a spreadsheet in case the photos get ruined or lost.





PREPARE NOW: SURVIVAL KIT FOR PETS

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As you make your hurricane plans for your family, remember to plan for your pet, too. Preparing a *Pet Survival Kit* is key to ensuring that you have enough food and important pet information on hand in case you lose power or must evacuate. Details are available from Ready.gov and from the [Humane Society of Broward County](http://HumaneSocietyofBrowardCounty.org).

The kit or container should be waterproof with a secure plastic lid and include the following:

- A crate or carrier large enough for your pet to stand and turn
- Leashes and collars
- Two-week supply of moist or dry food, with manual can opener
- Two-week supply of bottled water (or more if using dry food)
- Water and food dishes
- Extra cat litter, litter pan and puppy training pads (consider the fact that your dog may not be able to "potty" outside during or after a storm)
- Emergency phone numbers for veterinarian, animal shelters, friends or relatives
- Veterinary clinic address and phone number
- Veterinary records with rabies certificate and current Broward County Pet Registration Tag number
- Medications with instructions (ensure you have enough medication on hand before the storm hits)
- Cleaning supplies (newspaper, plastic bags with ties, paper towels, disinfectant)
- A photo of you and your pet together (to help prove the pet is yours), and a photo of the pet by itself, showing any distinguishing marks that will help with identification.



Pet Friendly Shelter: If you plan to evacuate to a shelter with your pet, register in advance with the Humane Society of Broward County at 954-989-3977. Broward County operates one pet-friendly shelter.

[Click here](#) for more information on hurricane preparedness for pets from the Humane Society of Broward County.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Campaign to Get Prepared for Emergencies

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DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



Prepare now as the City of Weston joins communities across the nation in observance of National Preparedness Month, an annual event sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



This national observance is designed to increase awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness for all hazards, and to encourage all individuals and communities to be informed and to have an emergency preparedness plan in place.



To stay in touch with updated hurricane preparedness in Weston, please visit our website Westonfl.org/Hurricane.



For more information about National Preparedness Month visit Ready.gov



To receive emergency notifications via cell phone, email or home phone, please visit and sign up for CodeRED at www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx or call 954-385-2000.



Follow the City of Weston on Twitter for the latest tweets and information at twitter.com/CityofWeston.



BROWARD COUNTY HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Broward County's Home Damage Assessment assists by quickly identifying areas of devastation before damage assessment teams are able to canvass the County. The Home Damage Assessment Program asks residents to report damage to their home, as soon as it is safe to go outside.



BEFORE THE STORM

Print the [photos](#) and place with your important papers in a waterproof container.

Bookmark the Broward County Home Damage Assessment Webpage on your cell phone.

<http://gis.broward.org/ReportHomeDamage>

AFTER THE STORM

Report damage to your home to Broward County.

Call 311

or

Complete the form at <http://gis.broward.org/ReportHomeDamage>

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR A STORM EVENT

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If a hurricane or tropical storm is threatening to impact our area, there are things you can do you prepare your home and family in the time before an actual Hurricane Watch is issued. Remember that once a watch is issued, hurricane conditions are expected in the area within 24 – 48 hours.

Power Outages

Even though many utility lines are buried

underground throughout Weston, electricity likely will be impacted during a storm due to wind and flooding. If you have a generator, be sure to have it ready to go (tested and fueled up) before a watch is issued. Don't forget to stock up on fresh batteries for flashlights.



Food safety

It is important to have enough non-perishable foods for your family in preparation for a storm impact. It is also a good idea to freeze ice bags to help keep fresh food items chilled following an extended power outage. Discard questionable items that may have spoiled.

Pool preparations

Prepare your pool by lowering the water level (no more than 2 feet) and adding extra chlorine to prevent contamination. Do not drain the pool or put pool furniture in the pool. Be sure to turn off the power to the pool pump and remove the pump and store indoors or wrap the motor in heavy-duty plastic and secure with tape or rope.



SECURING YOUR HOME WHEN A STORM THREATENS

Protect your windows and doors

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SHUTTERS

Hurricane shutters are used to protect doors and windows from objects that may become projectiles during a windstorm, and to prevent damage caused by sudden pressure changes when windows or doors fail. Shutters can be made of metal, wood or plastic and are available in different styles; the most common are steel or metal panels, accordion style and roll-down.



Do a "dry run" before any storms threaten our area to make sure you are familiar with how your shutters operate. You will be able to identify problems with your shutters that might not be fixable as a storm is approaching.

If you are using plywood to cover windows and doors, select a thickness of at least 5/8". Drill holes into the plywood sheets and into the exterior masonry of your home. Use screws and anchors to secure the plywood.



Handle metal shutter panels with heavy work gloves. The panels are heavy and the edges can be sharp. It is important to have help when working on a ladder, as someone will need to hold and stabilize the ladder. Emergency rooms in South Florida report a number of injuries every hurricane season due to falls from ladders.

When a storm has passed and it's safe to venture outside, remove the shutters or plywood from at least one window or door in every room. A fully-shuttered house may be safe in a hurricane, but presents a **fire hazard** by blocking escape routes. Establish an emergency escape plan and make sure everyone is aware of the plan in the event of a fire.

TREE TRIMMING

It is important to keep the trees and vegetation around your home trimmed throughout the year. Do not trim trees when a storm is approaching. Garbage/trash service may be discontinued leading up to the storm's arrival and piles of branches will become dangerous projectiles that may damage your home or other homes in your neighborhood. Weston's Department of Landscaping offers [tree trimming tips](#).

For more information about securing your home, see page 5 of the [Broward County Hurricane Guide](#). For more information about Hurricane Preparedness, visit Westonfl.org/Hurricane.



COMMUNICATIONS DURING AND AFTER THE STORM HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

Residents can maximize communications during an emergency situation by being prepared and following these simple tips.

- Program all of your emergency contact numbers in your mobile phone, including the police department, fire station, hospital and family members.
- Make sure everyone who needs your wireless number has it.
- Have a phone handset with cords (not wireless) for your home's landline. If electricity is lost, wireless handsets will not work.
- Keep your wireless phone and back-up batteries charged at all times. Have an alternate plan to recharge your batteries in case of power outages. For example, you can charge with a car charger, or use a disposable cell phone battery.
- Keep extra phones and accessories in a sealed plastic bag to avoid water damage.
- If your cellular phone has a camera, utilize that feature to take and store photos of your property before and after the storm.



In addition to your household phone, make sure your cellular phone is enrolled in **CodeRED**. CodeRED is a system used by the City of Weston that allows you to receive critical information in case an emergency situation arises that would require immediate action. You can even opt for text message and/or email alerts to be sent straight to your mobile phone!

To register for CodeRED, visit

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.



AS THE STORM APPROACHES...

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As the storm approaches, please keep in mind to have all your disaster kit with important items easily accessible so you are not in a panic last minute looking for supplies. Also, remember to review or finalize your family plan so everyone in your family is prepared and not confused on what steps to during and immediately following the storm's impact.

1. Install your hurricane shutters or plywood over the windows. Do not use masking tape or duct tape. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking and can be difficult to remove after the storm.
2. Bring inside any lawn furniture, BBQ grills, trash cans, hanging plants, etc. that may be picked up by the wind and become projectiles. Do not trim trees prior to a storm's arrival. Piles of branches will become projectiles and garbage/trash pickup may be postponed during high winds.
3. Fill gas tanks in your vehicles and withdraw enough money from your bank to last for several days.
4. Review your family plan and ensure that your disaster kit is ready with enough water and food for each family member to last for 3 – 5 days.
5. Make sure prescription medications are available for several weeks. And don't forget about the special needs of infants, the elderly, the disabled and pets.
6. Gather your important papers, including insurance policies, and place them in plastic bags or other waterproof material and keep them with you.
7. Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent them from being blown off tracks.
8. Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts.
9. Turn up refrigerators and freezers to maximum cold.
10. Disinfect a bathtub in your home and fill it with water to use for washing dishes and flushing toilets.

For up-to-date information during a storm, please visit our website at Westonfl.org/Hurricane or tune in to Weston TV or AM Radio 1680.

[Subscribe to CodeRED](#) to receive emergency notifications from the City of Weston by phone, text or email. If you do not have computer access, call 954-385-2000 to subscribe by phone.





SHOULD YOU EVACUATE?

Who needs to evacuate in Broward County?

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Although the City of Weston is ***not*** in an evacuation zone; it is important to be informed of the areas that do need to evacuate and the plans in place to do so effectively.

Who needs to evacuate in Broward County?

Plan A (typically for a Category 1-2 hurricane): all residents in the area east of the Intracoastal Waterway should evacuate. Plan A evacuation zone residents may experience a storm surge 4-7 feet above sea level and winds from 74-110 miles per hour.

Plan B (typically a Category 3, 4, or 5 hurricane): all residents in the area east of U.S. 1/Federal Highway should evacuate. Plan B evacuation zone residents may experience a storm surge 7-11 feet above sea level and winds of 111 miles per hour or greater. NOTE: If you know someone living in these areas, consider offering your home as an evacuation destination.

Also, persons located in low lying areas or adjacent to tidal bodies of water should seek shelter elsewhere. All mobile home residents **MUST** evacuate in both Plan A and Plan B scenarios.

If you plan to evacuate outside of Broward County, leave early while the weather is still nice and be aware that roadways may be jammed and traffic slow moving.

Red Cross Hurricane Shelters typically open 4 hours after an evacuation is ordered.



Decide on a specific place-either a family or friend's home outside the evacuation area, a hotel or a shelter. **Call (866) 438-4636 for the nearest Red Cross Emergency Shelter.**

If you have a pet, take it with you. If you go to a shelter, you must be pre-registered for a pet friendly shelter for your pet to join you. **Call the Humane Society of Broward County at (954) 989-3977 for more information.**

For more information, please visit

<http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/Pages/HurricaneEvacuationMap.aspx>.



AFTER THE STORM

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- Tune in to local media for ongoing updates and instructions.
- Check-in with family and friends by texting or using social media if phone service is down.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Do not drive unless it is an emergency. Watch out for debris and downed power lines. Traffic intersections without working signals should be treated as a 4-way stop.



- Yard debris may not all be picked up right away, but if properly piled, it will eventually be removed. If trash collection is suspended, regular household waste will be collected first, prior to piles of debris.

- Do what you can to prevent further damage to your property, (e.g., putting a tarp on a damaged roof), as insurance may not cover additional damage that occurs after the storm.



- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and fast-moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Flood water may also be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Use generators safely. Follow manufacturer instructions and operate in an open area.
- Photograph the damage to your property in order to assist in filing an insurance claim. Report damage to Broward County at gis.broward.org/reporthomedamage.





EMERGENCY BUILDING REPAIRS

After a Storm or Any Incident

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Following a hurricane or any other type of incident that may cause damage to your property, it is important to know the steps necessary to stabilize conditions and prevent further damage to your home and other property.

If you will be submitting an insurance claim, your adjuster will want to inspect the damage before a full repair is done. Be sure to take photos of all damage prior to doing any type of emergency repairs.

It is important to hire a licensed professional. Be sure they are properly licensed and insured to perform the work in accordance with the Florida Building Code. Most repairs will require a permit and inspections by the City of Weston Building Department to ensure your safety and to maintain the integrity of your home.



[Click here](#) to read more about the Building Code Department and the permit process.

Example of a non-disaster type emergency repair:

Some repairs may be classified as an “emergency” even if it is not related to a disaster. For example, if an air conditioning unit fails and there is a chronically ill person in the home that requires air conditioning. A new unit can be installed prior to a permit being received, but it must be done by a licensed professional, with a permit pulled and the work inspected after completion.

Call the Weston Building Department if you have a question regarding permit requirements.

954-385-0500



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A WEATHER RADIO

When shopping for a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio, look for either of the following logos:

PublicAlert™ Devices 
or the NOAA All Hazards
Logo



There are many brands of weather radios. It is recommended to find a receiver with one of the above logos to ensure that it meets the recommended technical standards and comes with features such as Emergency tone alerts, Specific Alert Message Encoding (SAME) technology to be able to program an area of interest for alerts, etc.



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With the holiday gift-giving season approaching, think about giving gifts now that save lives. A gift can be for a special occasion or given as a random act of kindness.

The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) recommends showing how much you care by giving emergency preparedness items as gifts, including:

- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Appropriate fire extinguishers
- Foldable ladders for second-story escape routes
- Disaster kits for home and vehicles
- NOAA Weather radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Enrollment in a CPR or first aid class

CPR Safe Community Initiative

BSO Weston Fire Rescue Services offers free CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses. Classes are offered at Weston Fire Station No. 81 or at your own location with a minimum of 8 persons. Call 954-389-2015 to schedule a class for your group today.