



## **2016 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SERIES**

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## HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

The following are the names for the 2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

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|---------|----------|
| Alex*   | Bonnie   |
| Colin   | Danielle |
| Earl    | Fiona    |
| Gaston  | Hermine  |
| Ian     | Julia    |
| Karl    | Lisa     |
| Matthew | Nicole   |
| Otto    | Paula    |
| Richard | Shary    |
| Tobias  | Virginie |
| Walter  |          |

*\*Note the season actually began early, as Alex formed in January, affecting the Azores in the northern Atlantic.*

### RESOURCES

[Westonfl.org/Hurricane](http://Westonfl.org/Hurricane)

[Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane)

[Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov)



## HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE ARE YOU PREPARED?



Hurricane season begins tomorrow – June 1<sup>st</sup> – so now is the time to prepare your home, family and business in the event that a storm would threaten to impact our area.

### WHY PREPARE NOW?

**It only takes one storm** to severely impact your life and the community at large. South Florida learned that lesson when Hurricane Andrew – the first storm of the 1992 season – impacted the region in August of that year. Preparing your plan and purchasing supplies for your home in advance helps minimize last-minute chaos, so that you can focus on securing your home and assisting loved ones as needed. Imagine if everyone waited until the last minute to purchase supplies – stores would be grid locked and supplies would run low. Unfortunately, this mayhem is common because of the surge of shoppers that wait until a storm is headed our way to purchase necessary supplies.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Visit [Westonfl.org/Hurricane](http://Westonfl.org/Hurricane) to find out what you should have in your **personal Disaster Kit**. You should have enough supplies to sustain your family for 3 – 5 days following the storm. Basics include non-perishable foods, bottled water, medicines, baby formula/diapers, battery-operated radio and flashlights.



## Be Prepared...It Only Takes One



June 14, 2016

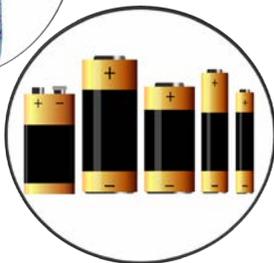
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## WHAT'S IN YOUR PREPAREDNESS KIT? *Hurricane Preparedness...A Continuing Series*



Weston Mayor Daniel J. Stermer

Remember the saying "the first 72 is on you." You need water, food and supplies to last your family for at least 3 days.

Electricity, gas, water and telephones may not be working. In addition, public safety services such as police and fire may not be able to reach you immediately during a serious disaster.



Dr. Rick Knabb, Director of the National Hurricane Center, and son Parker, at their Weston home.

Each person should be prepared to be self-sufficient and able to live without running water, electricity and/or gas, and telephones for at least three days following a disaster.





June 21, 2016

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ALERTS FROM



Emergency Communication Made Easy.

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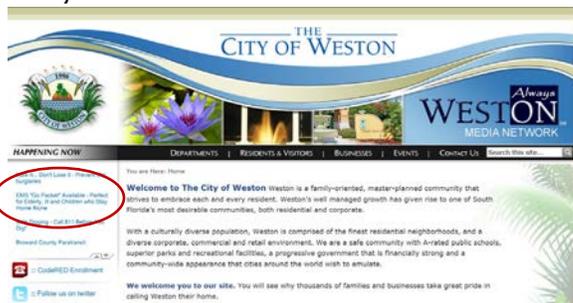
With the arrival of Hurricane Season, the City of Weston reminds residents and businesses to sign up for CodeRED to receive important emergency alerts.

### What is CodeRED?

**CodeRED** is a high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. The system allows the City to send critical communications, to all subscribers or targeted areas, for situations that require immediate action.

### Register today!

Registration is simple and takes only a few minutes. Visit



[Westonfl.org](http://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?

**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 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 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.



## KNOW THE HAZARDS

### STORM SURGE

The most dangerous element of a hurricane is the storm surge – a dome of ocean water that can be 20 feet high at its peak and up to 100 miles wide. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributed to storm surge.

### EXTREME WIND

An *Extreme Wind Warning* will be issued if sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected to begin in a specific area within the hour.

### RAIN

Hurricanes are storms comprised of wind and rain, which can be heavy and lead to isolated floods as well as flash floods.

Check your local forecast at the National Weather Service at [Weather.gov](http://Weather.gov).

## STORM WATCHES VS. WARNINGS

### *Hurricane Preparedness – A Continuing Series*

Before a storm threatens South Florida, it's best to know the lingo so that you can best prepare your home, family and business for the storm's possible affects.



#### Hurricane Watch

Hurricane conditions (a tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 74 mph or more) are *possible* within 48 hours. A watch let's you know that conditions are favorable for a hazard to occur and allows you to prepare.

#### Hurricane Warning

Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. A warning is an urgent message that indicates that a weather hazard is imminent.

As a storm develops it can intensify or weaken to a Tropical Storm before landfall. Although weaker than hurricanes, tropical storms are still a threat to be taken seriously.

#### Tropical Storm Watch

A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is *possible* in the next 48 hours.

#### Tropical Storm Warning

A tropical cyclone containing sustained winds of 39-73 mph is expected in the next 36 hours.

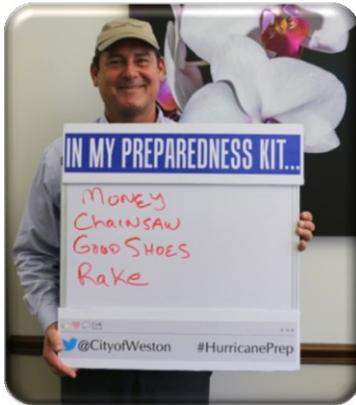
## 2016 ATLANTIC HURRICANE NAMES

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# WHAT'S IN YOUR PREPAREDNESS KIT?

## Hurricane Preparedness...A Continuing Series



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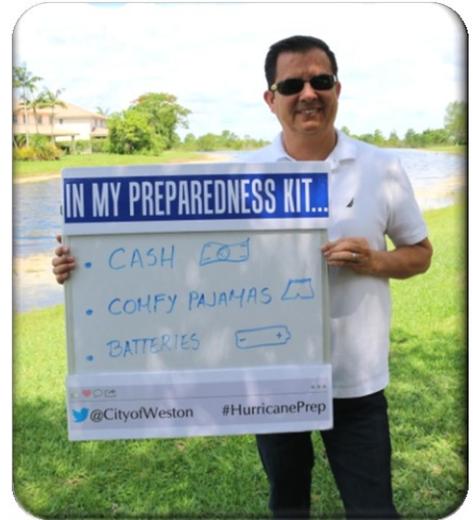
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Assistant Principal  
Falcon Cove Middle



**Mariann Marinberg**  
Midtown Athletic Club



**Deputy Brand**  
School Resource Deputy  
Falcon Cove Middle



**Junior Cediell**  
Weston Resident

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to see your friends and neighbors!



## DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY PLAN?

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### MAKE A PLAN



Create an Emergency Preparedness Plan for your home or business

<http://FLgetaplan.com>

or visit



A family emergency & 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 storm 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.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AT

**City of Weston  
Hurricane Preparedness  
Tips and Resources**  
[Westonfl.org/Hurricane](http://Westonfl.org/Hurricane)

**Broward County  
Emergency Management**  
Call 311 or visit  
[Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane)

**Broward County  
Special Needs and  
Vulnerable Population Registries**  
[Broward.org/AtRisk](http://Broward.org/AtRisk)

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July 12, 2016

## PLANNING IS KEY TO PREPARATION

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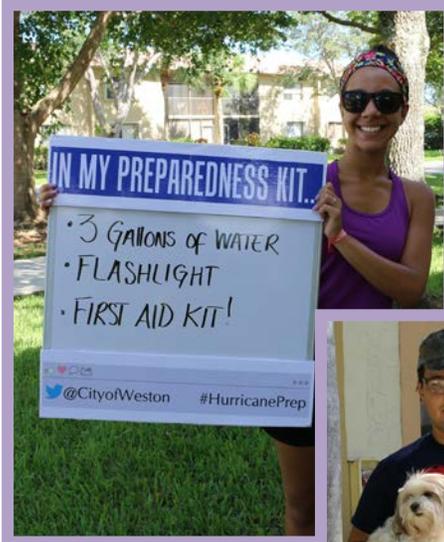
- **STEP 5 Make a plan to protect your vehicles**  
Decide where you will store your vehicle, boat or recreational vehicles.
- **STEP 6 Secure your home**  
Decide what actions you will need to take to protect your home and property (shutters, generator, trim trees) once a storm watch is issued.
- **STEP 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](http://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.





# WHAT'S IN YOUR PREPAREDNESS KIT?

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Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. Will you know if your children or parents are safe?

What will you do if all services are shut off?

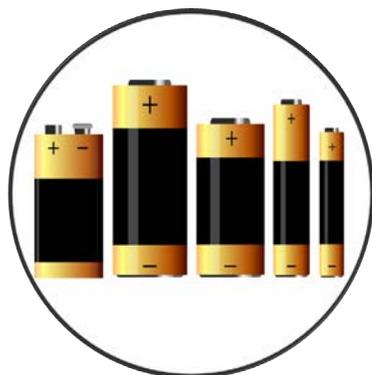
### BE PREPARED

#### BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

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## HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT SHOPPING GUIDE

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

All residents are encouraged to prepare an emergency supply kit that would sustain your family for a minimum of 72 hours after a storm. Preparation is the key to safely weathering any other disaster. This list identifies basic items to sustain you and your family following a storm that may leave you without power and/or 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.

#### 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 (minimum 2-week supply)
- Mosquito repellent, sunscreen
- Cash and fuel for vehicles and generators



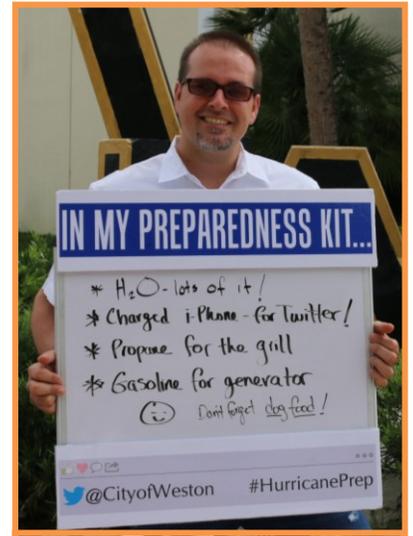


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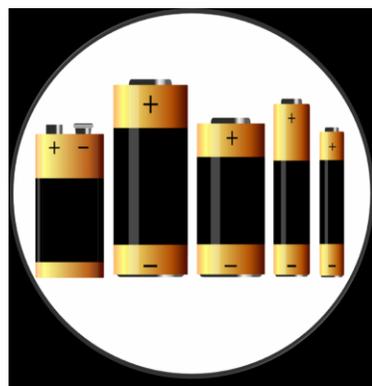


## IN MY PREPAREDNESS KIT...

What's in your Kit?



## BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT



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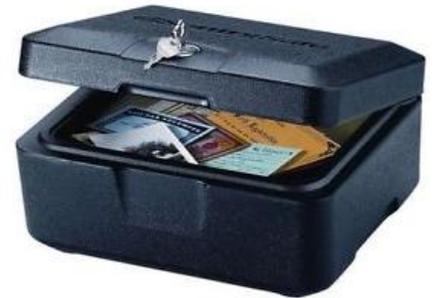


## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS - A Continuing Series

### Take Steps Now to be Prepared - Create Asset Inventory List

**Don't Wait for a Hurricane to Ensure Your Valuables are Recorded and Securely Stored.**

Prior to a storm, inventory your home possessions and videotape or photograph items of value inside and 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 policies or allow you to purchase additional coverage.

When photographing an electronic, 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. (See Images Below)

You should have two pictures for each item, one to depict the item itself and one for the serial number panel. It is also helpful to put the information down in a spreadsheet in case the photos get ruined or lost.



iPhone – Photo 1



iPhone – Photo 2



## 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 you might not be able to fix if a storm was 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.

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](http://Westonfl.org/Hurricane).



## PREPARE NOW: SURVIVAL KIT FOR PETS

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*



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](http://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.



# WHAT'S IN YOUR PREPAREDNESS KIT?

## *Hurricane Preparedness... A Continuing Series*

# #HURRICANE**PREP**

**BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT**  
*Helpful tips:*

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## 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 [sample photos](#) and place with your important papers in a waterproof container. This will help you classify any damage to your own property after the storm.

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

[gis.broward.org/](http://gis.broward.org/)

[ReportHomeDamage/](#)

### AFTER THE STORM

Report damage to your home to Broward County by calling 311 or complete the form at

[gis.broward.org/](http://gis.broward.org/)

[ReportHomeDamage/](#)

## PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR A STORM

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

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. It is also a good idea to freeze ice bags to help keep fresh food items chilled following an extended power outage. After the storm, discard questionable items that may have spoiled due to lack of refrigeration.

#### 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.



Hurricanes Matthew and Nicole churn in the Atlantic as Matthew approaches Florida. © NASA

## AS THE STORM APPROACHES...

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

#### A Continuing Series

As we were reminded with Hurricane Matthew, it is important to have a preparedness plan and your supplies in order as a storm approaches our area. It is simply best to be prepared as storm tracks are unpredictable.

#### As a Storm Approaches...

1. **Protect your windows.** If you have shutters, install them. 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 loose items inside,** including any lawn furniture, BBQ grills, garbage/recycling carts, hanging plants, etc. that may be picked up by the wind and become projectiles.
3. **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.
4. **Fill gas tanks** in your vehicles and withdraw enough money from your bank to last for several days. ATMs will not work when the power is out.
5. **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.
6. **Make sure prescription medications are available for several weeks.** And don't forget about the special needs of infants, the elderly, the disabled & pets.
7. **Gather your important papers,** including insurance policies, and place them in plastic bags or other waterproof material and keep them with you.
8. **Wedge sliding glass doors** to prevent them from being blown off tracks.
9. **Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts.**
10. **Turn up refrigerators and freezers to maximum cold.**
11. **Disinfect a bathtub in your home and fill it with water** to use for washing dishes and flushing toilets.
12. **Check city advisories before placing garbage and recycling carts out** once a Hurricane Watch is issued. **Garbage service will be suspended in advance of the storm** and items left out become dangerous projectiles.

For up-to-date information during a storm, please visit the "Happening Now" section of our website at [Westonfl.org](http://Westonfl.org), or follow us on Twitter [@CityofWeston](https://twitter.com/CityofWeston).

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