

THE CITY OF HIALEAH IS PREPARED. ARE YOU?



HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1ST AND ENDS NOV 30TH



A message from Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr.

During hurricane season, we must be alert and prepared. Even though hurricanes are among the most destructive forces of nature, if we remain strong and ready as a community, we can overcome any challenge.

As your mayor, I will make sure that all the proper measures are in place to navigate this season in the most responsible and safe way possible. I encourage you, as a resident, to do the same and prepare with your family. Let's face this season as a team, the Hialeah team!

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PREPARE A PERSONAL PLAN

- Identify ahead of time where you'll go if you're advised to evacuate. Those living in a mobile home should make preparations to leave.
- Make a list of multiple safe locations, such as a relative's or friend's home in or out of town, a motel, or a designated shelter.
- Locate the nearest shelters in your area and keep the phone numbers for these facilities as well as a road map of your area. You may need to take alternative or unfamiliar routes if major roads are closed or jammed.
- For evacuation orders, listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or television stations. If you're asked to evacuate, do so immediately.

WHEN EVACUATING, BRING THESE ITEMS WITH YOU

- 30 day supply of prescribed medications.
- A gallon of water per person per day. With a minimum, 3 to 14 day, supply of water and food.
- A first-aid kit, vitamins, fruits and veggies, protein bars. Canned foods/juices that are ready to consume, non-refrigerated milk, and a manual can opener.
- Fully charged portable devices with chargers.
- A battery-operated radio with spare batteries, as well as a flashlight.
- Cash. Personal documents, including driver's license, social security card, proof of residence, insurance policies,

wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates. Tax records, family/work/other important contact information. (Place it in a waterproof container or a watertight plastic bag to keep it safe.) Keep a copy in a different location if possible.

- Pet food and supplies. If a pet shelter is needed, please register your pet in advance for a designated shelter.
- Weatherproof clothing, rain gear, including sleeping bags and pillows.
- Special items for infants, elderly, or family members with special needs.
- Register for special needs shelter if you need assistance and are planning to stay in one ahead of time.
- Written instructions on how to safely turn on electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember you will need a professional to turn them back on.)

HOME PREPARATION

- Install hurricane shutters or purchase pre-cut 1/2" outdoor plywood boards for each window of your home. Install anchors for the plywood and pre-drill holes in the plywood so you can put it up quickly while maintaining maximum safety precautions.
- Remove diseased and damaged limbs from trees to make them more wind resistant. Remove branches in a strategic manner to allow the wind to pass through. Do not place any trash, tree clippings, furniture, garbage cans, recycling bins or any other items that will present a hazard during high winds. During a warning, no special bulk pick-ups will be made.

KNOW WHAT HURRICANE WATCH AND WARNING MEAN

WATCH: Hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area of the WATCH, usually within 48 hours.

WARNING: Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the WARNING, usually within 36 hours.

KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or TV stations for up-to-date storm information.
- Bring inside any lawn furniture, outdoor decorations, garbage cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind.
- Prepare to cover all windows of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use pre-cut plywood as previously described. NOTE: Taping windows does not prevent them from breaking, hence it is not recommended. Have tarps and materials for basic roof repairs available.
- Have enough fuel in approved gas containers for all your machinery requiring fuel for post storm needs, including vehicle, chain saws and generators.
- Fill fuel tank containers, propane tanks for grills and stoves.
- Double-check manufactured home tie-downs. Check and test your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, as well as your ABC fire extinguisher.
- Do not trim branches or limbs from trees as they become dangerous missiles if picked up by winds.

KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

- Listen to the advice of local officials and evacuate if they tell you to do so.
- Complete all preparation tasks. (HAVING A PLAN WILL HELP YOU DURING THIS PERIOD.)
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows and remain in the safest room of the structure. Keep all windows closed.
- Be aware that the calm "eye" is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worse part of the storm will happen once the "eye" passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second.
- Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can occur both during and after a hurricane has passed.
- Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom with no windows.
- Stay away from flood waters. Turn around and take another route if you come across a flooded road.
- If you are caught on a flooded road and the water is rapidly rising around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground to seek a safe location.
- Place your disaster kit in a secure location.
- Set the refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. Store as much water and freeze as much ice as possible.

KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER A HURRICANE IS OVER

- Keep listening to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or TV stations for instructions.
- If you evacuated, return home once local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Examine your home for damage. Stay away from downed wires, damaged structures or any unsafe item which can cause you harm.
- Use flashlights in the dark; do not use candles.
- Stay away from disaster scenes. Many areas will be hazardous due to fallen power lines, flooding, etc. Don't expose yourself or your family to unnecessary risk or injury following a storm.
- Stay off roads and highways unless necessary. This will assist first responders in the recovery effort. Contact your family members and employers. Let them know you are safe.

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Following power outage safety guidelines will save a life.
- Following food safety guidelines will save a life.
- Following chain saw safety guidelines will save a life.
- Following Portable Generator safety guidelines will save a life.
- Following Water Treatment safety guidelines will save a life. (Pay attention to the boiled water/safe drinking water alerts.)

CALL 911 ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES

- To report non-emergency situations such as power outages, downed power lines and flooded areas, please call the City of Hialeah's non-emergency hotline at 305-687-2525.

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Office of Emergency Management
305-863-2847

Police / Fire Department
305-687-2525 (Non-emergency)
911 (Emergency)

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