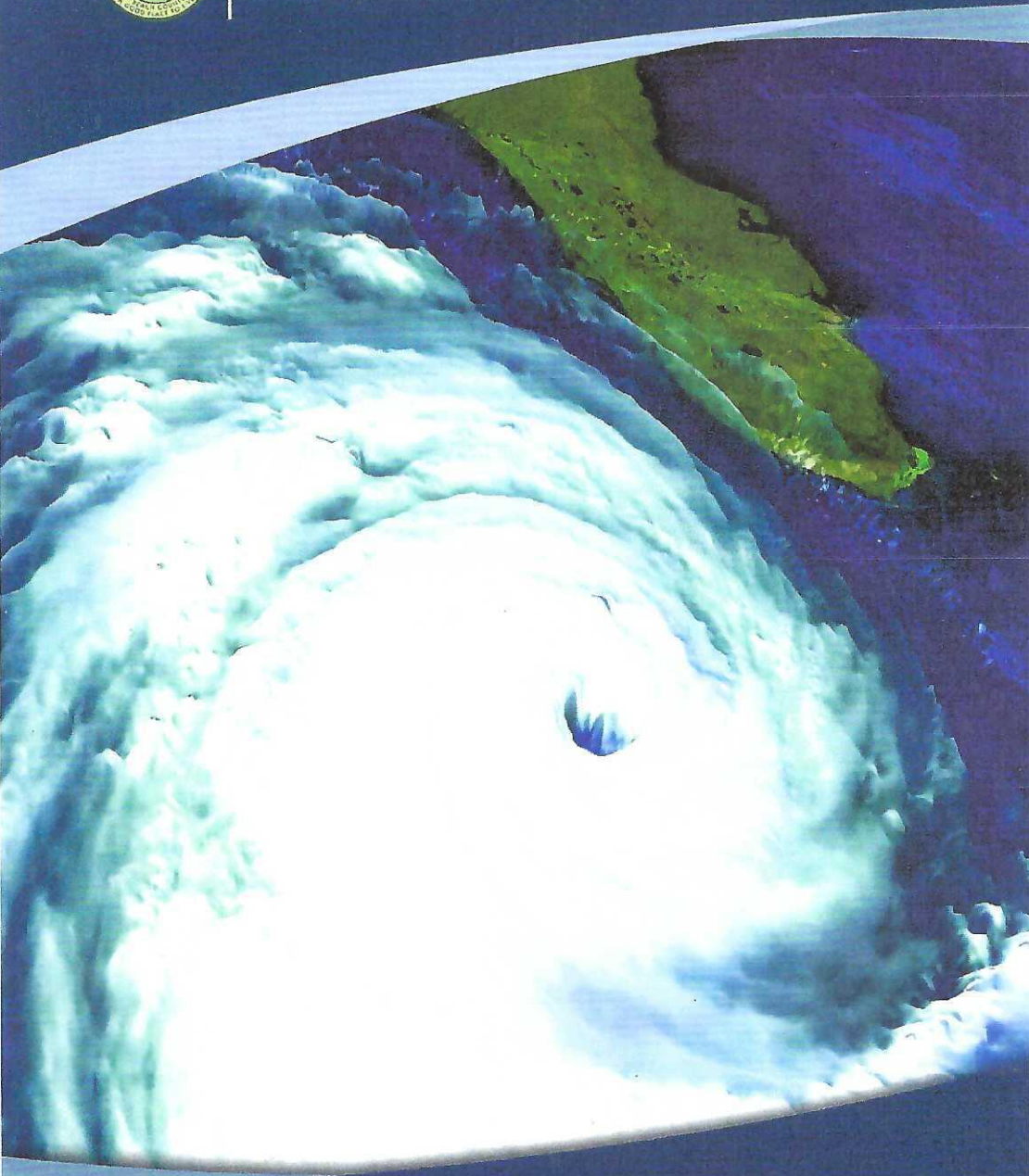




CITY OF
GREENACRES



2023 HURRICANE Preparation

STORM PREPARATION

HOME



Protect your home by securing windows and doors with storm shutters or board up windows with plywood where wind can enter. Bring in any outdoor furniture/items that could become airborne. Turn refrigerator to coldest temperature setting and lower A/C (*turn their circuit breakers off after power goes out*). Unplug electronics and cover with waterproof coverings. Turn off BBQ propane tanks. Take pictures of your home both inside and outside for insurance purposes.

PERSONAL ITEMS



Keep an inventory of your household items. Photo/video contents and record the make, model, serial number, and keep information in a safe place or send by mail or electronically to a friend/relative who lives out of town, and out of the storm's path. Compile important documents (*insurance policies, bank documents, mortgages, phone numbers of family and friends, medical information etc.*) Make a copy and store/place important documents and photos in waterproof plastic bags. Obtain cash in case Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) are out of service.

MOBILE HOMES



All residents living in a manufactured/mobile home must evacuate in a hurricane warning when an evacuation order has been issued. Even tropical storm-force winds can topple these types of homes. If possible, arrange to stay with family or friends who live inland in a non-evacuation area.

TREE TRIMMING



Do not begin any tree trimming or clean-up activities during a storm watch/warning as trimmed limbs and branches could become projectiles if not disposed of properly. Fallen trees and uncollected debris stacked along roads are among the biggest obstructions, along with traffic, wind and flooding, when attempting to restore power following a Hurricane. Tree trimming should be completed BEFORE hurricane season.

WATER



Prior to a storm, stock up on at least three (3) days worth of drinking water per person in case water becomes contaminated in your area; don't forget drinking water for your pet(s). Water can also be collected in clean aluminum or plastic containers and stored in a cool location, and you can also fill bathtubs with water for non-drinking use. Freeze water jugs and fill ice chest. In case water becomes contaminated and a *Boil Water* notice is issued, you will have to boil water, even if it is filtered, vigorously for 3-5 minutes and let cool before drinking.

SANITATION



Once a watch/warning has been issued, the City's collection services may be suspended and Solid Waste Authority facilities may be closed early in preparation of the storm. Therefore, do not begin construction projects that produce debris or any mass tree trimmings as this places a tremendous burden on the collection and disposal processes and there is not enough equipment or manpower to handle the additional material before the storm makes landfall. You could put not only yourself at risk, but your neighbors as well. Therefore, do not take materials to the curb, transfer stations or landfill.

VEHICLE / GASOLINE



Fuel up vehicles and propane tanks; obtain fuel for generators. Move vehicle(s) into a garage or next to a building; avoid parking near trees and utility poles. If you have an electric garage door opener, find the manual release lever and learn how to operate it in case of power outage. Brace garage door.

BOATS



Know your responsibilities, tie down and stabilize your boat securely. Keep your vessel registration number and location with you. Never try to ride out a hurricane/storm in your boat. Marinas will close when winds reach 39 mph. Drawbridges will not open for boats when an evacuation has been ordered.



BEFORE THE STORM

MAKE A PLAN



Make a family plan (*personal, family, pet*). Decide where to ride out the storm and establish an out-of-state emergency contact. If you stay during a hurricane, check your family emergency supply kit for sufficient supplies and gather any missing or additional items that may be needed.

- Build an emergency supply kit; (www.ready.gov/build-a-kit). If evacuating, prepare a Hurricane Evacuation Supply Kit.
- Know the disaster plan of your child's school or day-care and know the expectation of your employer before and after a hurricane.
- Locate your water meter and electrical shut-off.
- Subscribe to free wireless emergency alerts such as the PBC DART app.
- Add emergency contact information in your cell phone. Obtain cell phone car chargers.
- Stock and store medications, and obtain extra prescriptions if necessary.
- Test generator (*do not operate during storm*).
- Purchase materials to protect windows. If you have shutters, be sure you know how to install/operate and have all tools/equipment necessary to do so. Lubricate moving parts and test shutters annually.



Palm Beach County's Emergency Notification System

ALERTPBC is Palm Beach County's Emergency Notification System allowing you to opt in to receive notifications via phone calls, text messaging, email, and more based on locations you care about.

For additional information visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Know-Your-Zone.aspx>.

PET SAFETY



Risk Shelters cannot accept pets because of health and safety regulations. Service animals for people with disabilities are an exception. Have a plan for your pets if you are evacuating and not taking them with you. Have them stay with friends/family who are not evacuating or board them with a local facility or your veterinarian.

The Pet Friendly Shelter is located inside the West Boynton Recreational Center at 6000 Northtree Boulevard, Lake Worth, FL 33463 and is only available to Palm Beach County residents who reside in a mandatory evacuation zone, mobile home or sub-standard housing. Proof of residency will be required. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Visit www.pbcgov.com/animal.

ELECTRONICS



Fully charge portable electronic devices. Even if cell towers are down, cell phones can be used as a camera to document damage, provide light if power goes out, as well as keep you updated based on services you are subscribed to.

Verify that there is a sufficient supply of batteries for radios, flashlight and fans. Obtain a manual can opener in case of power loss. Limit the use of electronics until the storm has passed and power is stabilized. It's important to turn off and unplug devices to prevent power surge damage and battery drain.

INFANT SUPPLIES

- ☐ A baby needs one (1) gallon of water per day for up to five (5) days. Water is used to make formula, for drinking, and for sanitation.
- ☐ Antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer.
- ☐ Baby food in pouches or jars and disposable feeding spoons.
- ☐ Medications and infant pain reliever, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.
- ☐ Diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream.
- ☐ Ready-to-feed formula in single serving cans or bottles
- ☐ A thermometer.
- ☐ Baby blankets; extra baby clothes and shoes for older infant.
- ☐ A portable crib; baby sling or carrier.
- ☐ Small disposable cups.
- ☐ Copies of vaccination records.
- ☐ Toilet Paper.



SENIORS

- ☐ Make the necessary arrangements for the elderly, frail or disabled people who may need special assistance from family members, friends or social service agencies.
- ☐ Decide NOW where you would go if ordered to evacuate.
- ☐ Notify your health agency where you will be during a hurricane.
- ☐ Check with your supplier regarding emergency plans if you require oxygen.
- ☐ If you have to evacuate, take medications, written instructions regarding your care; bedding, walker, wheelchair, cane or other special equipment.
- ☐ If you require hospitalization, you must make prior arrangements with your physician.
- ☐ Obtain assistance as necessary.



SPECIAL NEEDS

- ☐ Palm Beach County has established a Special Needs Shelter Program to provide for citizens with certain medical conditions during an emergency and is staffed with physicians and nurses. The shelter is not a medical facility and provides limited services. Call the Special Needs Program at 561-712-6400 and ask to speak with a Special Needs Coordinator.
- ☐ If you do not qualify for the Special Needs Program and need transportation ONLY to a shelter, the County will provide transportation but you **MUST** be Pre-Registered and live in an evacuation zone or mobile/manufactured home, be physically handicapped or have no other means of transportation. Call Palm Tran Connection to register at 561-649-9838.



PETS

- ☐ Pet Supplies:
 - Pet food, bowls, extra water and a manual can opener.
 - Collar with ID tag, harness or leash.
 - A photo of you and your pet(s) together.
 - Familiar items, favorite toys, bedding, and treats, etc.
- Important documents - pet registration information, vaccination documents and medical records.
- Sanitation-pet litter, litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, etc.
- Crate or pet carrier.



Basic Disaster Supply Kit + Special Needs Contacts

FOOD

- ☐ Water, one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least five (5) days, for drinking and sanitation.
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, and paper towels.
- ☐ Matches/lighter in a waterproof container.
- ☐ Can opener for food
(if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Powdered drinks, instant coffee/tea

- ☐ Food, at least a five-day supply of non-perishable food:

- Small containers of canned fruits, meats, vegetables and fish not requiring cooking
- Crackers, dry cereal, granola bars, bread
- Canned or bottled juices
- Nuts, peanut butter
- Dry Milk



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries, sternos, lanterns.
- ☐ Whistle, to signal for help.
- ☐ Battery-powered radio *(or hand crank radio)*, TV, fan and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- ☐ Fire extinguisher.
- ☐ Dust mask, or cotton t-shirt, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.

- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Local maps.
- ☐ Water purification tablets or household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper, for disinfecting, dilute nine parts water to one part bleach. In an extreme emergency for drinking purposes, you can use 16 drops of regular household bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.



TOILETRIES

- ☐ First Aid Kit, Face Masks
(include sunscreen, insect repellent)

- ☐ Personal hygiene items:

- Soap, Sanitizer, Wipes
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Washcloths, towels, etc.
- Shampoo, deodorant
- Shaving kit
- Feminine items

- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- ☐ Unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, eye glasses, infant formula or diapers.



OTHER

- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change.

- ☐ Paper and pencil.
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.
- ☐ It is recommended to have two (2) emergency kits - one full kit at home and a smaller portable kit in your vehicle.



SHELTER LOCATIONS FOR GREENACRES



Evacuation centers should only be considered as a shelter of last resort. Not all shelters will be opened at the same time. Once an evacuation order has been issued, stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for shelter opening announcements. Check YOUR shelter information and locations and plan accordingly. If you have pets, see Page 6 for pet safety/shelter information.

- Evacuations orders are implemented in mobile home parks which are mandatory evacuation zones in the City of Greenacres.
- If you have medical needs, and need a Special Needs Shelter, call 561-712-6400 to Pre-Register or visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org> for an online application.
- EMS Units transport pre-registered special needs citizens to critical care shelter.
- Register with Palm Tran Connection for the special Transportation Assistance Program. Call 561-649-9838 or 877-870-9849 to pre-register.



John I. Leonard High School
4701 10th Avenue North, Greenacres, FL 33463



Palm Beach Central High School
8499 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33411

Prepare a "go kit" with personal items you cannot do without during an emergency. If you evacuate, allow at least twice the usual travel time. Shut off water and gas to home. Take photo ID and proof of address. Unplug or turn breaker off to hot water heater.

ROADWAY SAFETY



Ensure the storm drain inlets in the roads and parking areas in your community are not clogged with a build-up of leaves or debris on the surface. During a storm, drains and catch basins can easily get clogged due to excess water and/or debris, resulting in traffic impairments and other hazardous conditions. If you see that any drains on public roads are blocked, please contact the City's Public Works Department at 561-642-2071.

GENERATOR SAFETY



Using a generator incorrectly can lead to dangerous situations. According to the Centers for Disease Control, over 500 people die each year from accidental Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if the following safety guidelines were followed:

- NEVER use a portable generator indoors; only use a portable generator outside and away from any doors, windows, or vents that could allow CO to enter your home. They should NOT be operated on the balcony of a multi-unit building.
- Do not use a portable generator in the rain; consumer-grade generators are not weatherproof and there is a risk of electrocution or shock.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions; plug appliances into heavy-duty extension cords and then plug the cords into the generator.
- Purchase a carbon monoxide detector and ensure the unit is functioning correctly.
- Never power the electric to the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet; this is called "back-feeding" and presents a serious risk to both utility workers and neighbors served by the same transformer.
- Maintain an adequate supply of fuel and store in specifically approved containers in a cool, dry, ventilated and secure area, away from appliances. Keep out of the reach of children.
- Turn generator off and let it cool before refuelling.