

# BROWARD IMPACT WINDOW & DOORS' COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## Storm Preparation Strategy

- Discuss with your family the dangers of hurricanes, and the measures needed to stay safe.
- Find out if your residence is situated in an evacuation zone. In case of an evacuation, decide on a secure destination.
- Safeguard your assets by examining the vulnerable parts of your home the roofs, doors, and windows, making necessary repairs. If you still do not have impact windows call Broward Impact today to get a free quote to have your family protected today.
- Plan to secure your vehicles and decide on safe parking or storage spots for cars, boats, and RVs.
- Make arrangements for family members with special needs.
- Make suitable arrangements for your pets.
- Collect necessary supplies.
- Notify family and friends about your hurricane plan and establish an out-of-town point of contact.

## Your Hurricane Essentials Kit

- Be prepared with at least seven days of supplies.
- Water: Ensure you have at least a seven-day supply of drinking water at least one gallon per person per day. Remember, you need extra water for cooking and personal hygiene.
- Food: Stock non-perishable food items for seven days.
- Special Needs Items: Stock a seven-day supply of essentials for babies and elderly family members, including food, toiletries, and extra toilet paper.
- Essential Tools: Have on hand a manual can opener, paper plates, napkins, towels, plastic eating utensils, and a first aid kit.
- Hygiene & Health: Keep hand sanitizer, masks, and a two-week supply of medicines, and prescription drugs.
- Communication & Lighting: Have a battery-operated radio or television, a flashlight with extra batteries, and corded phones.
- Pet Care: Stock pet food and other pet care items.
- Miscellaneous: Keep a fire extinguisher, matches, mosquito repellent, and supplies for outdoor cooking.

**DON'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT STORM  
PROTECT YOUR HOME NOW!**

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## Trimming Trees

- Trim trees and shrubs before a storm is on the horizon. All yard cleaning and tree trimming should be completed BEFORE a hurricane watch is declared.
- Once a hurricane watch is in effect, all available City Department of Public Works personnel will focus on securing City-owned properties.

## Pool Safety

- Slightly lower the pool water level (not more than one to two feet) before a storm.
- Protect your pool pump and motor by turning off the power to the pool equipment, removing the motor, and storing it in a dry place.
- Add extra chlorine to the pool to avoid contamination. Clear the pool area of all loose items.

## Storm Shelters

- If you are in an evacuation area or in a structure that is not suitable to withstand the elements that a hurricane can bring it is recommended that you evacuate or move to an evacuation shelter
  - Broward County | <https://www.broward.org/Hurricane/pages/shelters.aspx>
  - Palm Beach County | <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Publications/Shelters%20With%20Evac%20Zones.pdf>
  - Miami-Dade County | [https://www.miamidade.gov/transit/mobile/evac\\_centers.asp](https://www.miamidade.gov/transit/mobile/evac_centers.asp)

## If You Live In An Apartment or Condo

- If you are in an evacuation zone and are asked to evacuate, please relocate to an American Red Cross shelter or a safe location of your choice. No one should stay in the building.

## For Individuals With Special Needs

- Register for Broward County's Special Needs Shelter if you have any medical conditions. Pre-storm registration is strongly recommended. For registration, call 954.357.6385 or TTY 954.831.3940.

## Pet Owners

- Broward County has designated three pet-friendly shelters. Space is available on a first-come-first-serve basis and is limited to those residing in designated emergency evacuation zones. Pet owners must stay at the shelter and look after their pets.
  - Falcon Cove Middle School | 4251 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston 33332
  - Lyons Creek Middle School | 4333 Sol Press Blvd, Coconut Creek 33073
  - Everglades High School | 17100 SW 48th Court, Miramar 33027





## During The Storm

- As the storm hits, stay safe indoors. Remember that emergency services may not be able to reach you during the storm.
- Depending on the storm's intensity, you may need to designate a "safe room" away from windows or doors.
- Prevent water from entering your home by placing towels along window sills and doors. Keep buckets, mops, and sponges at hand for possible flooding.
- Do not venture outside during the calm eye of the storm; the worst could be yet to come.
- Keep a battery-powered radio handy in case of a power outage.
- Leave your home's main breaker on unless there's a power cut. In such a case, turn off appliances to prevent damage from power surges.
- Use flashlights instead of candles for lighting.
- Minimize the use of refrigerator and freezer doors and limit phone line usage.

## Post-Storm Safety Measures

- Treat all downed power lines as live. If you see a sparking power line, call 911.
- Walk cautiously, avoid standing water, and beware of debris-laden streets as they can hide power lines, hazardous objects, and potentially poisonous creatures.
- Discard spoiled food, and avoid driving unless it's an emergency.
- Protect your property from further damage and document all damages for insurance claims.
- Be patient. Insurance settlements may take some time.

## Generator Safety

- Ensure a qualified electrician installs a permanent generator, and never operate a generator in enclosed spaces.
- If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, seek fresh air immediately. CO from generators can lead to incapacitation and death.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms and regularly test them.
- Use a heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that can handle the connected appliance loads. Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, known as "back feeding." This is dangerous and can lead to electrocution risks.

