

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS & EVACUATION INFORMATION

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HURRICANE SEASON

JUNE 1 – NOVEMBER 30

Forecasts

TROPICAL CLIMATE

- **Tropical Depression** – An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds * of 38 mph (33kt*) or less.
- **Tropical Storm** – An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph (34-36kt).
- **Hurricane** – An Intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 kt) or higher.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE

- Category 1: Sustained winds of 74.95 mph. Storm Surge 4-5 ft.
- Category 2: Sustained winds of 96-110 mph. Storm Surge 6-8 ft.
- Category 3: Sustained winds of 111-130 mph.
- Category 4: Sustained winds of 131-155 mph. Storm Surge 13-18 ft
- Category 5: Sustained winds of 155 + mph. Storm Surge 18+ ft

Hurricane Watch - A hurricane may strike your area within 24-48 hours

BE PREPARED

Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. Plan in advance where you will stay, how you will get there and what supplies you will take.

1. Make arrangements with friends or relatives living in a non-evacuation area or check into a hotel located inland: or, as a last resort, use a public shelter (see evacuation pickup sites under EVACUATION).
2. Have a transportation plan for emergencies.
3. Tell family or neighbors where you would go to stay in case of an emergency.
4. Don't leave your pet(s) behind. Make arrangements with a kennel or friend to care for your pet(s). There are Hotels that will accept pets with prior registration.

Before Evacuating Secure Your Home/Condo/Apartment

Take down and bring in any decorations, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas, and other loose and/or unsecured structures from outdoors, including all balconies.

Please keep the following in mind when preparing your home before evacuating:

- Fill Prescriptions and fill vehicle gas tanks
- Unplug TV/computer and bring antenna and satellite dish inside.
- Move furniture and electronics away from windows and cover with plastic.
- Turn refrigerator to its coolest setting
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store in high place.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

**Hillsborough County Fire Rescue – Emergency Management
9450 E. Columbus Drive, Tampa, FL 33619
<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org>**

TWO-WEEK SUPPLY OF NECESSARY ITEMS

Maintain a two-week supply of food and drink for when you return after a storm.

You may want to include the following items:

- Water and ice
- Special dietary need items
- Small container of canned meats, fruits, soups, etc.
- Dry cereal and crackers
- Granola, cereal, protein bars, nuts, peanut butter
- Canned or bottled juices
- Dry or non-refrigerated milk and baby formula

SURVIVAL KIT

Keep a kit at your home with the following items in it. Some of these items will be needed to secure your home, some you will take with you when you evacuate, and others will be needed once the storm has passed and you are allowed to re-occupy your home.

- Radio/TV/Fan (battery powered)
- Flashlights Batteries
- Can Opener
- Seasonal Clothing Blanket & Pillows
- Mosquito/Insect Repellant
- Matches, Lantern or Lighter
- Prescription Medicines
- First Aid Kit
- Box of plastic or rubber gloves
- Baby Diapers & Incontinent pads (if applicable)
- Toiletries Spare Keys to Home & Vehicle Fuel (stored in approved container)
- Fire Extinguisher Map of the area
- Emergency cooking facilities
- Propane for gas grills Cash – small bills as the power will prevent credit card usage

PETS – DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET AT HOME

The survival of you and your pets could depend on your personal disaster plan. Write it down. In times of emergency, overlooking important tasks is easy. Know if you are in an evacuation zone, and when you will evacuate (NOTE: ALL mobile home residents are required to evacuate at any level of a hurricane.) Even if you live in a non-flood zone, have a contingency plan in case you are required to evacuate for other types of emergencies.

List all the survival items you will need for your pets. Purchase supplies for at least two weeks. Travel will likely be very difficult and unsafe. Getting any additional supplies after the storm arrives maybe impossible for several days. When you are planning for your evacuation, the location you are planning to go to should be as close to home as is safely possible. The highways will be crowded, making long distance travel difficult. Some motels and hotels will allow pets during declared evacuations if they are properly confined in a carrier or cage. Check with your preferred motel or hotel before evacuating to be sure your pet will be welcome. A limited number of private boarding facilities are available for your pets if you cannot evacuate with them. Remember to choose a boarding facility located close to your evacuation route as travel will be at best, difficult.

Pet Supply Kit

- Medication and medical records and a first aid kit.
- Study leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pet safely and ensure that you animals can't escape.
- Food, portable water bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Current pet photo in case they get lost.
- Information on deeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems.
- Name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

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Emergency	911
Emergency Management	813-272-6900
American Red Cross	813-358-4820
Highway Patrol	813-558-1800
Sheriff	818-247-8200
Price Gouging Hotline	866-966-7226
Florida Highway Patrol (from any cell)	*FHP
FPL (Report an Outage)	800-468-8243
Poison Control	800-222-1222
FEMA	800-621-3362

The County provides special needs shelters for residents whose medical condition may require the use of electrical equipment, oxygen, dialysis, or individuals with physical, cognitive, or medical conditions that may require assistance from medical professionals. Although special needs shelters provide more care than a general shelter, they DO NOT provide continuous bedside nursing, only assistance with daily functions and medical monitoring.

If you believe you or someone you know may need a special needs shelter it is highly recommended you preregister for the Special Needs Shelter Program before hurricane season. To register call 813-307-8063 or go to <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/publicsafety/emergency-management/action-folder/registerfor-special-needs-disaster-assistance>

SHELTERS

In the event of an emergency, Hillsborough County has emergency shelters for residents and visitors. Shelters are a last resort, and should be used only if you have no other options for evacuation. We encourage residents to evacuate with friends or family to a safe area.

These shelters are intended to provide immediate protection and save the lives of those in the path of a catastrophic and deadly storm. It's important to have a plan – shelters are not resorts. Shelters are opened on an "as-needed" basis depending on the emergency.

To stay informed on shelter locations and opening notifications, sign up for HCFL Alert.

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/emergency-shelters>

2023 HURRICANE EVACUATION CENTERS

These shelters are a refuge of last resort; a place to go if you can't stay at home or with a relative, friend, co-worker or nearby hotel. Hurricane Evacuation Centers should be utilized when the alternative does not exist. Remember, evacuation centers are not designed for comfort and not all accept pets.

NOT ALL SHELTERS ARE OPEN FOR EVERY STORM!

Please monitor the local media for current shelter openings and locations.

Facility Name	Address	City	Phone #
Hammond Elementary School	8008 N. Mobley Road	Odessa	813-792-5120
SGT. Paul R. Smith Middle School	14303 Citrus Pointe Drive	Tampa	813-792-5125
Cannella Elementary School	10707 Nixon Road	Tampa	813-975-6941
Lake Magdalene Elementary School	2002 Pine Lake Drive	Tampa	813-975-7625
Mort Elementary School	1806 Bearss Avenue	Tampa	813-975-7373
Bowers /Whitley Career Center	13609 N. 22 nd Street	Tampa	813-558-1750
Pizzo Elementary	11701 USF Bull Run Drive	Tampa	813-987-6500
Nelson Elementary	5413 Durant Road	Tampa	813-651-2120
Muller Elementary	13615 N. 22 nd Street	Tampa	813-558-1355
Turner/Bartels Middle School	9020 Imperial Oak Blvd	Tampa	813-907-6801
Wharton High School	20150 Bruce B. Downs Blvd	Tampa	813-631-4710
Heritage Elementary School	18201 E. Meadows Drive	Tampa	813-740-4580
Benito Middle School	10101 Cross Creek Blvd	Tampa	813-631-4694
Pride Elementary School	10310 Lions Den Drive	Tampa	813-558-5400
Sheehy Elementary School	6402 N. 40 th Street	Tampa	813-233-3800
Middleton High School	4801 N. 22 nd Street	Tampa	813-233-3360
Lockhart Elementary School	3719 N. 17 th Street	Tampa	813-276-5727
Jennings Elementary School	9325 Governors Run Road	Seffner	813-740-4575
Burnett Middle School	1010 Kingsway Road	Seffner	813-744-6745
Brandon High School	1101 Victoria Street	Brandon	813-744-8120
Valrico Elementary	601 S. Miller Road	Valrico	813-744-6777
Mulrennan Middle School	4215 Durant Toad	Valrico	813-651-2100
Bloomington High School	1700 E. Bloomindale Avenue	Valrico	813-744-8018
Cimino Elementary School	4329 Culbreath Road	Valrico	813-740-4450
Newsome High School	16510 Fish Hawk Blvd	Lithia	813-740-4600
Bevis Elementary School	5720 Osprey Ridge Drive	Lithia	813-740-4000
Barrington Middle School	5925 Village Center Drive	Lithia	813-657-7266
Stowers Elementary School	13915 Barrington Stowers Drive	Lithia	813-657-7431
Boyette Springs Elementary	10141 Sedgebrook Drive	Riverview	813-671-5060
Sessums Elementary School	11525 Ramble Creek Drive	Riverview	813-672-5230
Collins Elementary School	12424 Summerfield Blvd	Riverview	813-672-5400
Summerfield Elementary School	11990 Big Bend Road	Riverview	813-671-5115
Shields Middle School	15732 Beth Shields Way	Ruskin	813-672-5338
Cypress Creek Elementary School	4040 19h Avenue NE	Ruskin	813-671-5167
Reddick Elementary School	325 W. Lake Drive	Wimauma	813-634-0809
Turkey Creek Middle	5005 Turkey Creek Road	Plant City	813-757-9442
Simmons Career Center	1202 W. Grant Street	Plant City	813-707-7430
Tomlin Middle School	501 N. Woodcreek Street	Plant City	813-757-9400
Marshall Middle School	18 S. Maryland Avenue	Plant City	813-757-9360
Cork Elementary School	3501 N. Cork Road	Plant City	813-757-9353
Knights Elementary School	4815 N. Keene Road	Plant City	813-757-9333
Greco Middle School	6925 E. Fowler Avenue	Temple Terrace	813-987-6326
McKittrick Elementary School	5503 Lutz Lake Fern Drive	Lutz	813-558-5427



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