

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Hurricane Season starts June 1st and it's time to ... *Be Prepared!*

It is **YOUR** responsibility to be sure you are prepared. Make sure you have the following items BEFORE a storm hits:

- FOOD:** Non-perishable packaged or canned food supplies for 3-5 days, and a manual can opener. Don't forget a 3-5 day supply of special needs items for babies such as formula, food, wipes, diapers; special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- WATER:** Minimum of 3 gallons of drinking water per person; preferably one gallon per person per day for two weeks. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. To store drinking water, use food-grade containers, such as clean, airtight two-liter soda jugs. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles, do not keep them for more than a month
- First aid supplies and prescription medications for 2 weeks
- Waterproof tarps and/or plastic sheeting
- Plastic trash bags and ties; extra resealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- Paper goods such as plates, bowls, napkins, towels, and plastic eating utensils
- Protective clothing, rainwear, bedding or sleeping bags
- Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chainsaw blades, tarp, duct tape, and heavy work gloves
- Batteries
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, clock
- Unscented bleach (and a medicine dropper), soap, detergent
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Full gas tank
- Cash (ATMs won't work during a power outage)
- A simple corded telephone
- Fully charged cell phone with a car charger accessory
- Pet supplies
- A designated out-of-town contact for family and friends
- A list of important phone numbers (doctors, insurance agents, etc.)
- Protective, waterproof storage area for important documents (insurance, property deed, etc.)
- Waterproof tarps and plastic sheeting
- Learn how to turn off electricity, gas and water, if advised to do so

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than that provided at a General Population shelter, but you do not require hospitalization, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. Broward County operates a Special Needs Shelter Program. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany residents with special medical needs.

All residents seeking shelter in a Special Needs facility will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the best placement for their needs. Pre-registration for the Special Needs Shelter is open throughout the year and, while not required, is strongly encouraged to ensure that the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

If you are elderly, frail, disabled or have a special medical need and are concerned about your sheltering plan, or if you want the latest information on shelter modifications for individuals with disabilities or special needs, contact Broward County Human Services Division at 954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608.

SPECIAL NEEDS DATABASE

Independent of the Broward County services outlined above, the City of Wilton Manors maintains a database of our special needs residents who may benefit from special City services after a disaster. If you are interested in providing the City with your information, please contact City Hall at (954) 390-2100 for more details, or complete the form available online at www.wiltonmanors.com, and fax it to (954) 390-2199 or mail it to the City of Wilton Manors Finance Department, Attn: Disaster Assistance Registration, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

Quick Tip: Prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs. The emergency refill law now allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is declared.