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# HURRICANE SEASON – ADDITIONAL PLANNING

## DECIDE NOW WHERE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL GO WHEN THE NEXT HURRICANE THREATENS:

- Decide on a specific place: Your own residence, the protected house of a friend outside the evacuation zone, a secure motel or hotel within the County or, as a last resort, a public shelter.
- During a hurricane, do not stay in any structure that does not have good shutters or properly designed and installed hurricane protection.
- Do not count on driving north on the Turnpike or I-95. They will be jammed with slow moving traffic.
- Do not count on going to the airport and flying out.
- Plan on staying in South Florida.

## DURING THE HURRICANE:

- Monitor local media, including the City of Wilton Manor’s 1630AM emergency radio station, for information and instructions.
- Stay indoors. Stay away from doors and windows. Stay in a safe room or area in the interior of your house, preferably a room without windows.
- Do not go outside in the calm of the hurricane “eye.” In the “eye,” winds and rain may stop for a few minutes or more than an hour. **Beware**—winds will return with greater intensity from the opposite direction.
- Call 911 ONLY for emergencies. Avoid using the telephone unless necessary.
- Unplug unnecessary or sensitive electric equipment before a storm. If the power goes out, use flashlights and battery-powered lanterns. *Do Not Use Candles!*
- Don’t leave your shelter at any time during a hurricane unless you must deal with situations that could be fatal without your intervention.

## A PUBLIC SHELTER SHOULD BE THE LAST OPTION:

A public hurricane shelter should always be considered a last option; a place to go if you can’t stay at home or with a relative or friend. Shelters are in schools or other solidly constructed buildings that provide a large, safe area. They lack many comforts, which visitors must bring with them.

Information about which shelters are open in your area will be available before a storm. Although the closest shelter location to Wilton Manors is at Rock Island Elementary/Arthur Ashe Middle School (1701 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale), it may not be one of the shelters opened. To check the status of a specific shelter location when a storm is anticipated, call the Broward Red Cross at (954) 797-3823 or the Broward County Emergency Management Hurricane Hotline at 3-1-1 or (954) 831-4000. Because space can be limited, go to a shelter as soon as an announcement is made that it is open.

The Red Cross runs public shelters, but medical care will not be available. Shelters may be crowded and uncomfortable. Shelters have food, but if you have special diet needs or want snacks, bring your own. **Don’t expect to find a bed.** You’ll need to bring with you the following:

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| ● Flashlight (extra batteries)                      | ● Medicines                              | ● Special-diet foods   | ● Toiletries                   | ● Eyeglasses, hearing aids    |
| ● Radio (extra batteries)                           | ● Non-perishable snacks                  | ● Extra change of clothing   | ● First Aid Kit                | ● Cash                        |
| ● Sleeping bag, cot/air mattress, blankets, pillows | ● Identification (e.g. driver’s license) | ● Baby food, formula, juice, diapers, wipes and a stroller, portable crib or playpen | ● Copies of valuable documents | ● Games, books, playing cards |

**DO NOT BRING:** Guns    Alcohol    Illegal Drugs    Pets (*see below for details on the pet-friendly shelter*)

**One pet-friendly shelter** is available in Broward County, but it has limited space and is an option of last resort. It is available on a first-come, first-served basis, only to pet owners living in evacuation areas or in mobile homes throughout Broward County. The human side of the shelter is operated by the American Red Cross. The pet side of the shelter is operated by the Humane Society of Broward County. Pets cannot be sheltered unless their owner(s) are also utilizing the shelter. This is a pet-friendly shelter only, and not a general population shelter. Residents living in an evacuation zone or in a mobile home can pre-register for the pet-friendly shelter by calling (954) 266-6871. Call or visit HumaneBroward.com for details on what you will need to provide in order to pre-register. The pet-friendly shelter is located at Millennium Middle School in Tamarac.

*Please note that the animals are housed in individual crates in a separate space from the human side of the shelter, so you will have limited contact with your pet.*