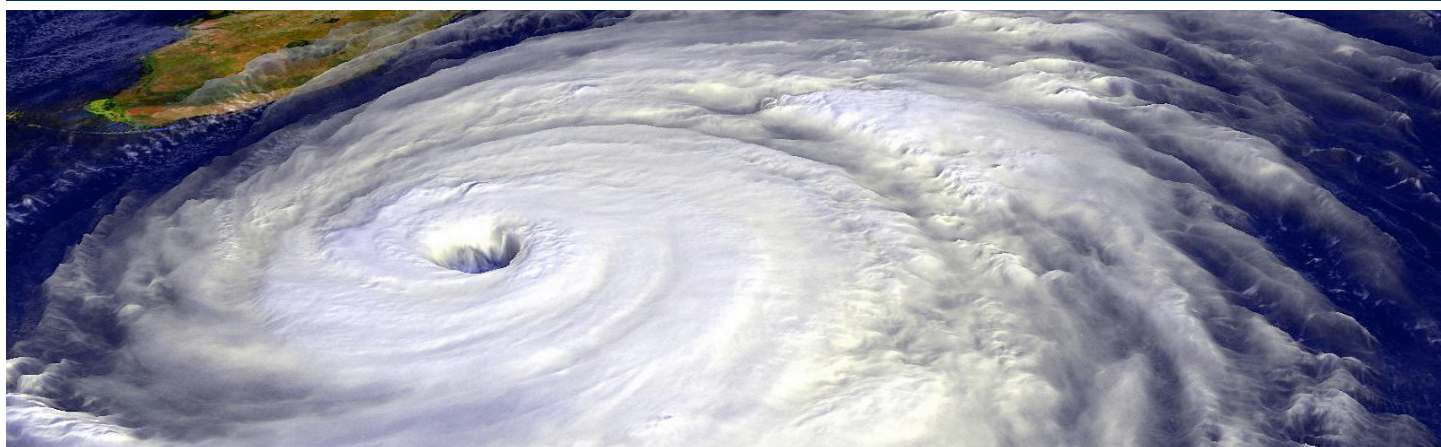


Hurricane Preparedness

Make Sure You Have A Plan



Prepare Hurricane/Disaster Kit (checklist included in this packet)

Prescription Medications

- Have a supply of your medications on hand

What happens when an emergency is declared and your insurance company claims it is too early for you to get a refill?

In 2006, the Legislature passed the Emergency Prescription Refill bill (Florida Statute 252.358 and 462.0275).

This law requires all insurers and managed-care organizations to suspend refill-too-soon restrictions when a patient seeks a refill in a county:

- Currently under a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service; or

- Declared to be under a state of emergency in an executive order issued by the Governor; or
- Has activated its Emergency Operations Center and its emergency management plan.

This law also allows patients outside of these areas to get an emergency 72-hour refill if the pharmacist is unable to readily obtain refill authorization from the doctor. Please talk with your doctor and pharmacist now about how this new law can affect your prescriptions.

- Keep a list of each medication you take, including: the name of the doctor who wrote the prescription, the name of the drug, dosage instructions, and the name of the pharmacy where you had it filled.

Important Phone Numbers

(Make sure you have phone numbers that can use text message. This will help with communication when phone lines are down.)

- Family
- Children
- Insurance Agent
- Insurance Carriers Claims Phone Number (have your policy numbers too)
- Disaster Remediation Companies
- Banking Partner for access to funds



Know Your Evacuation Zones:

<http://floridadisaster.org/publicmapping/>

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Home Inventory

- Video or pictures

Home Security

- Windows
- Roof
- Garage Door
- Clear miscellaneous items that are outside of the house

Document Checklist

- ✓ Important numbers and emergency contacts
- ✓ Credit cards
- ✓ Medical records and blood type
- ✓ Prescription information (list of medications, dosage, prescription numbers, etc.)
- ✓ Doctors' name, address and telephone number
- ✓ Cash for emergencies
- ✓ Bank account numbers
- ✓ List of savings and investments, including CDs, stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- ✓ Household inventory - either a paper copy, videotape or computer disk
- ✓ List of insurance policies with name of company, type of policy and policy number
- ✓ Copy of wills, trust documents and living wills
- ✓ Titles for your house, car and other property
- ✓ Birth, marriage, divorce, death and adoption certificates
- ✓ Passports
- ✓ List of family advisors: accountant, attorney, banker, doctors, dentist, employer, financial adviser, insurance agents and religious leader
- ✓ Educational and military records
- ✓ Other special papers that would be difficult or impossible to replace if lost
- ✓ Driver's license or personal identification cards



SURVIVING THE STORM

Transportation

Make Sure Your Car is Serviced and Ready for a Long Drive

- Check your tires, belts, hoses, filters, oil and air-conditioning
- Make sure you have jumper cables, road flares or reflectors, a first aid kit and a can of non-flammable inflatable tire repair compound
- Have car chargers for phones, laptops and/or a small power inverter to convert the car's DC battery power into an AC plug
- Pack an empty gas can in case you need to get more gasoline
- Remove all non-essential items from your vehicle to keep the interior space ready for evacuation items

If You Do Not Have a Car, Arrange Transportation:

- If you don't require special needs transportation
- PSTA buses will run nearly all their routes until it's no longer safe to travel
- PSTA will attempt to operate all routes until winds reach tropical

storm force (40mph)

- Routes may be modified. During an evacuation, buses will also run from transfer stations to local shelters
- All rides are free during an evacuation
- Be prepared in advance by locating your nearest bus stop.
- Some people may not qualify for special needs transport, cannot ride the bus and have no other means of transportation to evacuate. If you are in that situation, contact your local fire department or the Department of Emergency Management, in advance, for special assistance.
- Take advantage of the help that is there for you. Don't stay in a dangerous situation just because you don't have your own ride. (Call the PSTA Info Line (727) 540-1900. For current route information during a storm, go to <http://www.psta.net/index.php>)



How to Register for Special Needs

- Fill out form and send to the address on form (included in this packet). You can fill this out online as well.
- If you sign up for the special needs registry, you will be asked about your transportation plans. If you need a ride to a shelter, your local fire department will be in contact with you to make arrangements when the time comes to evacuate.
- What about my pet?
- Service animals may go with you, but other pets need to be cared for by making prior arrangements. If you are registered and eligible to go to a special needs shelter, call Pinellas County Animal Services at (727) 582-2600 to register your pet. Animal Services will make arrangements for your pet to be taken to a host home.

If you are going to a pet-friendly shelter you are responsible for your own transportation.

Special Needs Shelter Locations for Pinellas:

- **Dunedin Middle School**
70 Patricia Ave., Dunedin
- **Oak Grove Middle School**
1370 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater
- **John Hopkins Middle School**
701 16th St. S., St. Petersburg

Special Needs Registration Information (forms are included in this packet)

[Hillsborough County Special Needs Shelter](#)
[Pinellas County Special Needs Shelter](#)

(Pasco County Special Needs Shelter Information is included with the registration form in this packet)



After the Storm How to Re-enter the County

If you have evacuated out of the area, returning home can have some challenges if a storm has done significant damage to the county. Bridges and roads may be closed due to damage, flooding or debris. Officials may have entire areas closed off to everyone, even residents. So before heading home, be sure to watch or read the news to learn the latest information about road conditions and damage reports for Pinellas County and surrounding areas.

In an effort to prevent looting and burglary after a largescale mandatory evacuation, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the barrier islands have joined forces to provide free Emergency Access Permits to all businesses and residents. Once a mandatory evacuation order has been lifted, Emergency Access Permits will be required to re-enter an evacuated area.

You will be asked to hang the permit from your vehicle's rearview mirror for re-entry post-evacuation. Law enforcement posted at city entrances will scan the barcode on your permit to verify your residence.

[To Obtain a Permit for Barrier Islands and Beach Residents/Business Owners](#)

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SHELTER LOCATIONS

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[Pasco County Shelter Information](#)

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