

Hurricane Preparedness:

TOP 5 PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE THIS HURRICANE SEASON:

- Designate an emergency out of area point of contact;
- Secure an advance stock of required medications and oxygen;
- Secure valuables and electric devices in watertight containers;
- Plan in advance for special needs (shelters and medical assistance for disabled and/or medically vulnerable persons); and
- Register for the City of Tamarac's CodeRED Emergency notifications.

Whether you decide to ride it out in your home or evacuate when a storm hits, it is important for you to plan ahead. If you evacuate, where will you go? If you're going to stay, will you need to install shutters or purchase a generator? If you don't know where to start, use the following categories as your guide.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Protect your home's openings

- Be sure to seal openings, cracks and holes to prevent water from getting inside.
- Fill holes where wires, cables and pipes enter and exit the house, and seal around electrical boxes and circuit breaker panels.
- Reinforce your garage doors.

Safeguard your vehicle

- Move your vehicle to higher ground and park in a sheltered location away from trees and poles.
- Make sure all fluids – gas, oil and water - are full, to be ready for use after the storm.
- Remove all important documents from the vehicle and secure them in a waterproof container inside your home.

Strengthen your roof

- Make sure your roof deck is securely fastened to the roof framings.

- Seal the roof deck to minimize water intrusion if the roof cover is blown off.
- Re-adhere loose shingles with roofing cement to prevent them from blowing off and exposing your decking to wind-driven water.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

During and after a storm, the City will activate the following numbers:

- Hurricane Hotline (954) 597-3800
- Recorded Updates (954) 718-1800
- Volunteer Desk (954) 597-3620

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Emergency – 911
- Florida Power and Light (954) 797-5000
- Recycling/Trash (Waste Management) (954) 974-7500
- Utilities emergency (954) 597-3750
- After hours only (954) 597-3775
- Police Non-emergency (954) 765-4321

Contact Tamarac Fire Rescue at (954) 597-3800 for any other information regarding hurricane preparedness.

What's Your Plan?

FIND A SHELTER

If you choose to evacuate, don't wait until the storm is on its way to find the best shelter for you.

General Population Shelter

Broward County has 15 designated American Red Cross General Population Shelters. For their locations visit www.broward.org/hurricane and click on the evacuation and shelter tab.

Special Needs Shelter

To request an application for a Special Needs Shelter and/or Paratransit evacuation transportation, call Broward County Human Services at (954) 357-6385 or visit www.broward.org/atrisk.

Pet-Friendly Shelter

A pet-friendly shelter is operated by the American Red Cross and the Broward County Humane Society at Millennium Middle School in Tamarac. It's available to residents with pets who either live in an evacuation area or a mobile home. Pre-registration is required; call the Humane Society at (954) 989-3977. Note: Service animals are accommodated at all shelters.

HAVE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLAN

If you or a relative lives with a disability, requires medical assistance or uses an automated device, such as an oxygen tank, sign up with the Vulnerable Population Registry. Call 311 or (954) 831-4000 (TTY (954) 831-3940) or go online at <https://www.broward.org/registry>. Be sure to have contact information and a map available for the appropriate medical facility.

REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

CodeRED is a free service for Tamarac residents. It offers emergency notification before, during and after an event takes place. To sign up for notifications call (954) 597-3800 or visit www.tamarac.org.

PREPARE YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT NOW

Suggested equipment and supplies:

- Baby formula
- Batteries
- Battery operated clock and radio
- Battery operated lighting
- Butane lighters
- Cans, gas and oil
- Camping stove
- Cash
- Chain saw
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothesline and pins
- Diapers
- Dish detergent
- Disposable plates, cups, utensils
- Duct and masking tape
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit/ Medicines/ Prescription drugs
- Flashlights, lanterns and/or Cyalume light sticks
- Food (canned, dry, non-perishable)
- Generator
- Gloves and goggles
- Ice
- Non-electric can opener
- Pails and buckets
- Phones: fully charged cell phone and extra battery and a traditional telephone set (not cordless)
- Pet care items
- Plastic garbage bags
- Rolls of plastic
- Toiletries
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Water (7 gallons per person)
- Tarp roof covering
- Vehicle fuel
- Waterproof container for important documents

