



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

Preparation Plan ...

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.

Hurricane Season Preparation Plan

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

Sarasota County
Emergency Management

6050 Porter Way, Suite 165
Sarasota, FL 34232

<https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/emergency-management-4420>

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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 Repellent

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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6050 Porter Way, Suite 165
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941-861-5495



<https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/emergency-management-4420>

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Sarasota County Contact Center | 941-861-5000 |
| Evacuation Information | 941-861-5000 |
| Medically-Dependent Registry | 941-861-5000 |
| American Red Cross SW FL | 941-379-9300 |
| Salvation Army | 941-954-4673 |
| United Way | 941-366-2686 |
| Suncoast - confidential service that helps people find local resources | 211 |
| | |
| Animal Services | 941-861-9500 |
| Highway Patrol | 941-492-5850 |
| Sheriff | 941-861-5800 |
| Solid Waste | 941-861-5000 |
| Price Gouging Hotline | 866-966-7226 |
| FPL (Report an Outage) | 800-468-8243 |
| Poison Control | 800-222-1222 |
| FEMA | 800-621-3362 |

Sarasota County residents with qualifying medical needs are encouraged to apply NOW for registration as a medically dependent person (MDP).

Examples of qualifying medical needs include the use of oxygen or use of medical equipment that requires electricity.

It is important to apply in advance for this program so, if qualified, you will be on the county's registry for transportation and sheltering at a medically-dependent Evacuation Center during a disaster. Pre-registration helps when time is limited. To apply for more information visit scgov.net and search for "medical needs" or call 941-861-5000.



SHELTERS

A hurricane Evacuation Center is a facility that provides increased protection to the public from high winds and/or storm surge. They are designated by Sarasota County and operated in partnership between Sarasota County and the Sarasota County School Board. It is a place to ride out the storm that may or may not be comfortable with very limited provisions.

Evacuation Centers are opened for the single purpose of protecting life. They are opened based on the ability of that facility to withstand the forecasted winds effects and storm surge.

Evacuation facilities do not have generators and offer no services other than a very basic food provision, water, and 20 sq. ft. per person for floor space. There are no cots, pillows or blankets provided. Evacuees must bring their own bedding and supplies.

Power loss results in no air conditioning. It is a public environment where there are large numbers of people in close proximity to each other. The one thing all evacuees have in common is they are seeking protection from intense weather.

Stay tuned to local media for a listing of Evacuation Centers that will be open. Opening may differ by size and intensity of a disaster.

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.



| Hurricane Evacuation Centers | Address |
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| Fruitville Elementary School | 601 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota |
| Brookside Middle School | 3636 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota |
| Southside Elementary School | 1901 Webber St., Sarasota |
| Riverview High School | 1 Ram Way, Sarasota |
| Booker High School | 3201 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota |
| Phillippi Shores Elementary | 4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota |
| Gulf Gate Elementary School | 6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota |
| North Port High School | 6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port |
| Heron Creek Middle School | 6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port |
| Woodland Middle School | 2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port |
| Atwater Elementary School | 4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port |

Dear Residents:

We composed an outline of hurricane procedures for Isles of Sarasota and how they will affect your family. Make plans now on where you plan to stay. Stock up on food items; water (1 gallon per day per person); flashlights; battery powered radio; first aid kit; and prescription medications to avert the rush at the stores.

ELECTRICITY/ AIR CONDITIONING:

In the event there is loss of electric, the air conditioning will be without power until power is restored. This will be an inconvenience to those planning to stay in the condominium building. We are informing you now so that you can make alternative plans. Please make sure each person in your household has a flashlight available to them for use. KEEP A FLASHLIGHT READY FOR EXITING DOWN HALLS AND STAIRSCASE.

BALCONIES AND LANAIS:

Remove all furniture from balcony and lanai: potted plants, tables, chairs and anything affixed to the walls during a hurricane "WATCH". If you are not going to be in the residence please make arrangements to get everything off your balcony and lanai by someone other than a member of our staff. In the event any damages are caused due to any flying object coming from your unit the unit owner will be solely responsible for any cost incurred.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Emergency services will probably not be available in a timely fashion, if at all, due to impassable roadways and they prioritize those most in need. If you have a medical condition that could warrant a need, you might want to consider other arrangements until after the storm. Plan accordingly.

EVACUATION:

Mandatory evacuation, if necessary, will be mandated by the local authorities. Complete all storm preparations and follow local emergency management official's advice. In addition, fallen trees could make the roadways impassable. There are some local hotels/motels that will keep an open reservation on your credit card and activate the reservation when we are in hurricane WATCH. Consult the yellow pages of your Century Link Directory.

HURRICANE "WATCH":

This is when conditions are possible in the specified area and can affect more than 100 miles of coastline. Evacuation zones are identified by the likelihood of being flooded by this rising water.

HURRICANE "WARNING":

This is when hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning within twenty-four (24) hours of landfall. Complete all storm preparations and immediately follow local emergency management official's advice about evacuating dangerous or low-lying locations.

INSURANCE:

Pictures and videos of the contents to your unit are crucial if you need to put in a claim to your insurance company. Also, copies of warranty booklets with model and serial numbers of your personal property should be kept with the pictures. If you are leaving your unit, it is advisable to take copies of your pictures and policies with you. In the event your local agent is not available, make sure you have a corporate headquarters office telephone number to call.

ENTRY:

“WARNING.” Make sure you have proper ID to enter back to your community.

LEAVING YOUR HOME:

We advise you to call family members and let them know where you are going and provide a phone number before you leave because phone service might be out, due to high winds, by the time you get to your destination. (See EVACUATION section above).

SEASONAL OWNERS:

If you are not in residence, you need to note the following:

1. The staff will not have time to check your home. Please make a plan for a relative, friend or neighbor (advise Management of items left out on the balcony or lanai area) to check your home before and after the storm. Make sure your sliding doors are secured by placing the handles together or placing a stick in the track.
2. Make sure your main ball valve that closes the water to your unit inside you're A/C closet is operational. Turn off the breaker to your hot water heater.
3. Make sure the sliding glass doors are securely LOCKED.

PETS:

Most shelters do not permit pets. Please call your County to receive information and an application. Pets cannot be left in the unit unattended. Should you decide to leave the country Please make proper arrangements with your vet, kennel, friends or family to care for your pet

POOL AND JACUZZI:

The pool furniture will be stored during hurricane "WATCH". If you plan on using the pool area, we apologize for the inconvenience of not having chairs on the pool deck available. The pool will be chlorinated during hurricane "WATCH" and will remain out of commission for at least two (2) days after the storm.

RECOVERY AFTER THE STORM:

After the storm, roadways may be impassable making it impossible to return to the community. The landscaping crew, once they are able to return to work, will make a diligent effort to clear the roadways. Electricity and water may not be available. You should have water on hand to carry you through until services are restored.

RETURNING TO THE PROPERTY:

Please be patient; officials' priority is public safety. Listen to the local news media for possible road closures and curfews. A reoccupation order can take hours, days or even weeks depending on the severity of damage to the roads, bridges and buildings. After the order for reoccupation is issued, you will have to provide proof of residency (driver's license and/or utility bill with current address) this is to protect your home and/or business from unwelcome visitors.

SHELTER FOR EVACUATION:

The public shelters are far from comfortable. You must bring a bed roll, pillow, food for at least three meals, flashlights, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, diapers, and water for each person in your family. The supply of food is limited and might not be to your liking.

WATER:

If you are staying in your home, you might lose water pressure due to the County's lack of service or loss of electric for the pump stations. Keep at least one gallon of water per person for each day. A two-week supply is prudent. Clean your tub with bleach and fill your tub for cooking, washing and to flush your toilets.

STAFF:

The Castle Group property manager will only be available for short period once a hurricane "WATCH" is issued. When the community is in hurricane "WARNING", all staff persons will be on their way home.

Please remember, the staff must secure their own homes and families.

We hope this pamphlet has been informative and will assist you during storm preparations.

Good Luck!