EMERGENCY CONTACTS

ORANGE COUNTY
Local Emergency Services
Dial 911

Government Information and Services
Dial 311
www.orangecountyfl.net

Consumer Fraud Unit
407-836-2490

Office of Emergency Management
407-836-9140
www.ocoem.com

Public Schools
407-317-3200
www.ocps.k12.fl.us

STATE
Florida Division of Emergency Management
Dial 511
www.floridadisaster.org

Florida Emergency Information Line
1-800-342-3557

FEDERAL
American Red Cross
407-894-4141
centralflorida.redcross.org

FEMA
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
www.fema.gov

Salvation Army
1-800-725-2769
www.salvationarmyusa.org

United Way
407-835-0900
www.hfuw.org

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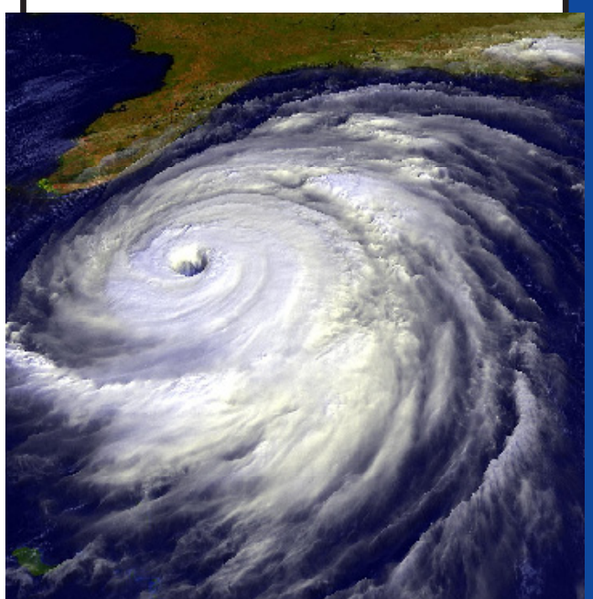
HURRICANE PLANNING GUIDE



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Dear Orange County Property Owner,

Florida is a great place to live! However, we must protect ourselves, our family and our property from severe storms. In the event of a hurricane, we must prepare to survive **72 hours** on our own.

If conditions such as street flooding, fallen trees or downed power lines make it impossible for emergency service to reach your location immediately, you need to be prepared! **Take action before the storm, not after.**

This brochure provides suggested hurricane preparedness tips which can protect you and your family in any emergency and will help you survive a storm. For your convenience, detach the **Disaster Supply Kit** and utilize the **Emergency Contact** list in the event of an emergency. I hope you find this **Hurricane Planning Guide** useful.

Have a safe year!

RICK SINGH
Orange County Property Appraiser

CLASSIFYING HURRICANES

Hurricanes are intense tropical systems with a well defined circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or greater. The following are the different categories of tropical systems based on sustained wind speeds:

Classification	Wind Speed	Damage
Tropical Storm	39 – 73 mph	Minor
Hurricane Category 1	74 – 95 mph	Minimal
Hurricane Category 2	96 – 110 mph	Moderate
Hurricane Category 3	111 – 130 mph	Extensive
Hurricane Category 4	131 – 155 mph	Extreme
Hurricane Category 5	156 + mph	Catastrophic

Hurricane Season
The official hurricane season is June 1st through November 30th.

Hurricane Watch
A Hurricane Watch is issued when hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area of the watch, usually within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan and proactive measures should be initiated.

Hurricane Warning
A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning, usually within 24 hours. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing proactive measures and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

Hurricanes can create conditions favorable for tornados. A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado is actually present and moving in the warning vicinity. Residents should immediately

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DEVELOP A PLAN

Develop a family hurricane preparedness plan before an actual storm threatens your area. Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. The following are some guidelines for designing your plan of action:

- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be in your home but within your community.
- Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. Have maps of your evacuation route on hand.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones.
- Review your insurance coverage and policies.
- Take photos and/or video footage of your property. Store this information with your important papers. Make copies of the documents and photos and leave them with someone you trust or in a safety deposit box.
- Visually inspect your home and property and secure all loose objects.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- Purchase plywood, rope, extra nails, and tarp for protecting windows/doors.
- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery regularly.
- Take First Aid, CPR, and disaster preparedness classes.
- Be sure to have at least one vehicle with a full tank of gas at all times.
- Review and practice your disaster plan with your family.
- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.

EVACUATION ORDER

An evacuation order is an order issued by the local government advising everyone in the area to evacuate. Once the order is issued, immediate evacuation is required by state law. The following are some guidelines to follow in the event of an evacuation order:

- When an evacuation order is issued, determine if the evacuation order applies to your area.
- Clear your yard of loose objects such as hoses, BBQ grills, and lawn chairs and secure them inside.
- Disconnect and protect valuable and electrical equipment (i.e. computers, TVs, appliances):
  - -Move them away from windows
  - -Cover them with plastic bags
  - -Place them in cabinets or closets
- Call friends/relatives and let them know your evacuation location.
- Secure all windows and doors tightly.
- Turn off electric, water, and gas.
- If you have pets and will be evacuating to a shelter, verify if it is a pet friendly shelter.
- Listen to the advice of local officials and leave if they tell you to do so.
- Continue to monitor your radio for updates and instructions.

AFTER THE STORM

local officials tell you it is safe to do so.

- Keep your identification handy – you may be asked to provide proof of residence.
- Inspect your home for damage.
- Use flashlights at all times; avoid using candles.
- If you use a generator, the generator must remain outside away from open windows.
- Follow written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so.
- Drive only when and where necessary and drive with care.
- Stay clear of all downed power lines.
- Purify your water supply if instructed by authorities.
- Only hire licensed contractors for repairs.
- Make sure you have all required building permits before attempting any repairs.

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

The contents of your disaster supply kit should be personalized to your needs. Think about your needs and whether you will stay or evacuate. The following is a guideline for building your supply kit:

- ☐ **Water**
  - — at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
  - — water purification tablets
- ☐ **Food** - enough for 3 to 7 days
  - — special dietary needs
  - — non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
  - — foods for infants/elderly
  - — non-electric (manual) can opener
  - — cooking tools/fuel
  - — paper plates/utensils/trash bags/zip lock bags
  - — portable cooler/gel freezer packs/ice
- ☐ **Bleach** - pure, unscented liquid
- ☐ **Blankets/Pillows, etc.**
- ☐ **Clothing** - seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes
- ☐ **First Aid Kit**
- ☐ **Prescription Drugs** - two week supply
- ☐ **Insect Repellent**
- ☐ **Special Items** - for babies and the elderly
- ☐ **Toiletries/Hygiene items/Moisture wipes**
- ☐ **Flashlight/Batteries**
- ☐ **Radio** - battery operated or NOAA weather radio
- ☐ **Fire Extinguisher**
- ☐ **Matches or Lighters**
- ☐ **Cash**
- ☐ **Keys** - extra set
- ☐ **Important documents** - in waterproof container
  - — list of important phone numbers; insurance; medical records; bank accounts, social security card, etc.
- ☐ **Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm
- ☐ **Rope**
- ☐ **Duct Tape**
- ☐ **Tarp**
- ☐ **Generator**
- ☐ **Containers for Sewage** - two 5-gallon buckets
- ☐ **Fill Gas Tanks** (vehicle and propane)
- ☐ **Pet Care Items**
  - — proper ID/immunization records/medications
  - — ample supply of food and water
  - — a carrier or cage