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# 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.

### **Before Evacuating Secure Your Home**

Take down and bring in any decorations, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas, and other loose and/or unsecured structures from outdoors, including <u>all</u> lanais and screened porches.

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/emergenc y-services/emergency-management-4420

## Two-Week Supply of Necessary Items

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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 Repellant

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
Sarasota, FL 34232
941-861-5495



https://www.scgov.net/government/emergencyservices/emergency-management-4420

866-966-7226

800-468-8243

800-222-1222

800-621-3362

<b>Sarasota County Contact Center</b>	941-861-5000
<b>Evacuation Information</b>	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 th	at 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** 

**Poison Control** 

**FEMA** 

FPL (Report an Outage)

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. Preregistration helps when time is limited. To apply for more information visit <a href="scgov.net">scgov.net</a> 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 if 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. Evacuates 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.

### **2022 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
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