



**Town of Surfside  
Building Department**

**Hurricane Preparedness**

**To Do List**

- Prepare a household hurricane plan of action
- Learn the storm surge history and flood zones of your area
- Learn safe routes inland
- Determine where to move your boat in an emergency
- Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts
- Check insurance coverage (it is best to have coverage for replacement cost, not cash value)
- Consult with a contractor for advice on securing your home
- Check first aid kit
- Obtain plastic containers for storage of important papers, valuables and medical supplies
- People with special needs that require evacuation assistance should register with the Miami-Dade county Office of Emergency Management at 305-273-6790
- If you have a generator, keep it maintained year round. To keep moisture out of gas, start your generator monthly.
- Test generators, lanterns, portable stove, radio, grill and flashlights
- Check your electrical meter. Make sure that the pipe connecting cable into your home is securely attached
- Trim tree limbs. Call FPL (305-442-8770) to trim trees near power lines
- Prepare hurricane supplies

## Hurricane Preparedness (cont)

### Hurricane Supply Checklist

- Portable cooler with ice
- Canned/pre-packaged foods ( non-perishable)- two (2) week supply
- Canned/pre-packaged beverages (non-perishable)- Two (2) week supply
- Baby foods/juices/milk (non-perishable)- two (2) week supply
- Baby diapers- two (2) week supply
- Bottled water- two (2) gallons per person per day
- Manual can opener and disposable eating utensils
- First Aid kit/Manual
- Medicines (prescription/over-the-counter)-two (2) week supply
- Toiletries/personal hygiene items/toilet paper/soap- two (2) week supply
- Pre-moistened wiping towels
- Pillow/blanket or sleeping bag
- Towel(s)/washcloth(s)
- Extra clothing
- Portable radio/extra batteries
- Flashlights/extra batteries
- Fire extinguisher
- Basic tool kit (hammer, nails, etc.)
- Birth and Marriage certificates
- Medical and immunization records
- Insurance policies (property, health/dental)
- ID cards: Drivers license/medicare (if applicable) health/dental member cards
- Plastic bags (heavy duty)
- Cards/games/books

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### When a Hurricane Threatens

A Hurricane Watch is issued for a coastal area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 72 hours. A Hurricane Watch is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in a specified coastal area in 48 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles an hour (64 knots) and/or dangerously high tides and waves. Actions for protection of life and property should begin immediately when the warning is issued. If local authorities recommend evacuation, you should leave! Their advice is based on knowledge of the strength of the storm and its potential for death and destruction.