

SURFSIDE HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is from June 1–November 30. Surfside residents should ALWAYS be prepared for any storm.

BEFORE THE STORM

Be Prepared: Purchasing supplies once a storm is threatening is expensive and strenuous. Shopping for items a little at a time before an event eliminates the stress and avoids long lines and empty shelves. Before the storm approaches make sure you have the following items:

- Food
- Water (Store enough water for drinking, bathing, cooking for all members of your family including pets)
- Health & First Aid
- Storage (Protect important documents in zip locked bags such as: birth certificates, social security cards, insurance documents, etc.)
- Cleaning & Supplies (disposable eating utensils, mosquito repellent, gloves, liquid soap)
- Tools (flashlights, batteries, pliers, hammers, goggles, dust mask, screwdrivers, etc.)
- Generator
- Battery Operated Radio
- Special Items (spare eye glasses, diapers, wipes)
- Auto fuel (Make sure your gas tank is full)
- Money – ATMs will likely be down during and after a storm, make sure you have cash on hand if needed.
- Charge your cell phone.

Important details

Pets: In addition to food, make sure pets (cats/dogs) have identification tags and working pet carriers and leashes.

Shelters: Keep maps and numbers of your nearest shelter in case of emergency evacuations. (If you have pets call ahead to locate shelters that allow pets).

Photos: Take pictures of your property before and after the storm for insurance purposes.

LANDSCAPE

Properly pruning trees and shrubs before a storm can reduce the debris that may become airborne. Proper pruning also increases the likelihood that a tree can weather a storm. Consult or hire a certified and licensed arborist prior to tree pruning. Landscapers hired to maintain residential and commercial properties must remove vegetation including grass/tree clippings.

Do not begin pruning or cleanup activities or place trash on the curb during a Hurricane Watch or Warning.



IF A STORM IS IMMINENT

Protect the areas of your home where wind can enter. Secure windows and doors, preferably with permanent County-approved storm shutters. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" plywood. The boards

should already be cut to fit and ready for installation. Note that tape **does not** prevent window damage.

Bring in lawn furniture, garbage cans, bins and other items that are not secured and could become airborne.

If you own a boat, use double lines at the marina. If it is trailered and cannot be garaged, stake it to the ground with rope and fill the hull with water.

Monitor the storm's progress regularly. Visit www.miamidade.gov or call 311 for updates on services. Depending on conditions, bus, rail, garbage and recycling services, as well as airport and seaport operations will be affected.

If an evacuation order is given, you must leave the area and move to a location outside the evacuation zone. Make sure you take your local identification, so you can return after the storm. Turn off your electricity at the main breaker. Unplug appliances.

FLOODING

The Town of Surfside is a coastal community. Storm surge and flooding is possible during a hurricane. The Town of Surfside is currently operating on a storm drain pump system, which helps clear out flood waters quicker than expected. If electricity is lost the pumps become less effective causing water to clear out at a slower gravity flow rate.

EMERGENCIES

USE PHONES ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES. Call 911 only for **life-threatening** situations. After the danger of the storm is passed, call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken gas or water mains, overturned gas tanks, etc. **(STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES)** Do not drive or walk through standing water.

2016 STORM NAMES

Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginie, Walter