

# TOWN OF SURFSIDE HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



## GEARING UP FOR THE SEASON

**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, at minimum, make sure you have the items below:

- Food & Water - store enough water for drinking, bathing and cooking for all members of your family including pets
- First aid kit and any necessary medicines
- Storage - protect important documents in zip-lock bags such as: birth certificates, passports, insurance documents, etc.
- Cleaning and supplies - disposable eating utensils, mosquito repellent, gloves, liquid soap
- Tools - flashlights, batteries, pliers, hammers, goggles, dust mask, gloves, screwdrivers, etc.
- Generator and appropriate fuel
- Battery operated radio and/or television
- Special items - spare eye glasses, diapers, wipes
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank
- Money - ATMs will likely be down during and after a storm, make sure you have cash on hand if needed
- Charge your cell phone and mobile devices

## 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.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT BEGIN ANY PRUNING OR CLEANUP ACTIVITIES OR PLACE TRASH ON THE CURB DURING A HURRICANE WATCH OR WARNING.**

For more hurricane season information  
GO TO THE SURFSIDE TOWN WEBSITE  
[www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov)



## 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 pre-cut, ready to install 5/8" plywood. **Do not waste time taping windows. This does not prevent damage from wind and debris.** Bring in lawn furniture, garbage cans, bins and other items that are not secured and could become airborne. If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. Unplug all appliances.

Monitor the storm's progress regularly. Visit [www.miamidade.gov](http://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.



## EVACUATION

**Surfside is in an evacuation zone. If an evacuation order is given, YOU MUST LEAVE and move to a safe location outside the evacuation zone. Do not wait. Bridges may close when the storm arrives. Take your local identification, for returning after the storm. Turn off your electricity at the main breaker and unplug appliances.**

## FLOODING

**Surfside is a coastal community. Storm surge and flooding is possible during a hurricane. Surfside is currently operating on a storm drain pump system, which helps to clear flood waters quicker than expected. However, if electricity is lost, the system becomes less effective - with the water draining at a 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. Do not drive or walk through standing water.

**STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES.**

ALBERTO	HELENE	OSCAR
BERYL	ISAAC	PATTY
CHRIS	JOYCE	RAFAEL
DEBBY	KIRK	SARA
ERNESTO	LESLIE	TONY
FLORENCE	MICHAEL	VALERIE
GORDON	NADINE	WILLIAM