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## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
1-800-621-3362

**Florida Emergency Information Hotline**  
1-800-342-3557 (24-hours)

**Emergency Housing Programs**  
1-800-414-1226

**Public Housing Programs**  
1-800-955-2232

**Mail Services**  
1-800-275-8777

**Social Security Administration**  
1-800-772-1213

**Medicare and Medicaid Issues**  
1-800-362-1504

**Small Business Administration**  
Individuals: 1-800-621-3362  
Business: 1-800-659-2955

**State Volunteer and Donations Hotline**  
1-800-354-3571

**Florida Power and Light**  
1-800-468-8243

**Lee County Electric Co-Op (LCEC)**  
1-800-282-1643 or (239) 995-2121

**South Florida Water Management District**  
1-800-544-2323

**Florida Department of Insurance**  
1-800-227-8676

**Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline**  
1-800-646-0444

**Banking Issues**  
1-877-275-3342

**Agricultural and Consumer Services**  
1-800-435-7352

**Agency for Workforce Innovation  
Emergency**  
1-800-204-2418

**Finding Pets**  
1-800-486-2631

## CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Collier County Government Center**  
3301 E. Tamiami Trail  
Naples, FL 34112  
(239) 774-8999

**Everglades City Hall**  
207 Broadway  
Everglades City, FL 34139  
(239) 695-3781

## LEARN MORE

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
American Red Cross

[www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)  
National Weather Service

[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)  
National Oceanic & Atmospheric  
Administration

# Hurricane Preparedness Update



25<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT OF FLORIDA



## OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART

Dear Neighbor:

Before the Hurricane Season in Florida begins, I wanted to provide you with some pertinent information that you should know about to help you prepare and respond to a natural disaster.

The 2005 hurricane season brought much devastation to Florida's residents. Last year four hurricanes slammed into our state: Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Many areas in our community were impacted. Families, farmers, homes, businesses, schools and others suffered significant damage.

I have worked tirelessly to provide disaster relief funding for our community, but we still need to be more prepared to face another natural disaster. For this reason I would like to share with you a hurricane preparedness checklist.

The effects of a natural disaster can be reduced if you are aware of the steps you should take before, during, and after any natural disaster. It is also important that you and every member of your family know the emergency phone numbers listed below.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to be your voice in Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mario Diaz-Balart  
Member of Congress



Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart assesses community needs with local leaders following Hurricane Wilma.

### Contact Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

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Washington, DC 20515  
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Office Hours: M-F, 9 a.m-5 p.m.

# Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

The biggest lesson of the disastrous 2005 hurricane season was that citizens need to have enough supplies to survive for at least three days after a hurricane hits. I am providing this suggested checklist of basic items for a disaster supplies kit:

## FOOD AND DRINK

- Drinking Water: 1 gal. per person per day
- Non-potable Water: for hygienic use only
- Propane Gas for Barbecue Grill
- 2 Coolers for Food and Ice
- Manual Can Opener

## Two weeks' supply of the following:

- Nonperishable Foods
- Plastic Tableware and Cups
- Plastic Wrap and Plastic Trash Bags
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
- Wet Wipes
- Fuel for Folding Stoves

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Flashlight and Batteries: 1 per person
- Liquid Soap and Hand Sanitizer
- Tooth-Brushing Pads
- Water Purification Kit
- 2-Week Supply of Prescription Drugs
- Fire Extinguisher
- Extra Eyeglasses and Sunglasses
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen

## Infant Necessities:

- Infant Medicine
- Diapers
- Baby Formula
- Bottles

## First-aid kit including the following:

- Bandages
- Antiseptic
- Tape
- Compresses
- Pain Relievers
- Anti-Diarrhea Medication
- Antacid
- Medication for common illnesses

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Cleanup supplies: Mop, Buckets, Towels, Disinfectant, Bleach
- Camera/Camcorder: record property before storm & document damage afterwards
- Extra Batteries
- Flat Fixer for Tires
- Work Gloves
- Full Gas Tank
- Appropriate Clothes for Post-Storm: Hat, Closed-Toe Shoes, Dry Socks, Rain Gear
- Animal Care: Ensure that proper food and water are stocked
- Cash: ATMs, credit-card networks might be down
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## IF YOU EVACUATE

- Pillows, Blankets & Sleeping Bags or Air Mattresses: shelters do not provide these
- Folding Chairs or Cots
- Extra Clothing and Shoes
- Personal Hygiene Items: Tooth-Brush, Washcloth, Deodorant
- Food, Water and Ice
- Prescription Medications in Original Containers
- Books
- Handheld Games
- Toys

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