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Hurricane Preparedness Update

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

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

Miami-Dade County
911: Emergency calls
311: Non-emergency
government questions

City of Hialeah Gardens
(305) 558-4114

City of Hialeah
(305) 883-5800

Town of Medley
(305) 887-9541

City of Miami Lakes
(305) 364-6100

City of Doral
(305) 593-6725

City of Homestead
(305) 224-4415

Florida City
(305) 242-8135

Town of Cutler Bay
(305) 373-5313

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www.fema.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.redcross.org
American Red Cross

www.nws.noaa.gov
National Weather Service

www.noaa.gov
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration



25TH 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
phone: 202-225-2778
fax: 202-226-0346

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
- _____
- _____
- _____

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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