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**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
INFORMATION UPDATE**

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP IN CASE OF NEED OR EMERGENCY

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Hillsborough County

(813) 272-5900 General Information
(813) 272-6408 Emergency Management
www.hillsboroughcounty.org

Pinellas County

(727) 464-3000 General Information
(727) 464-3800 Emergency Management
www.pinellascounty.org

Pasco County

(727) 847-2411 General Information
(727) 847-8137 Emergency Management
www.pascocountyfl.net

**Don't be caught off guard.
Be prepared.**

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Hurricane Preparedness Checklist & Information

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:

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
- Antacids
- Medications for common illnesses



FOOD AND DRINK

- Drinking water: 1 gal. per person/day
- Non-potable water (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

IF YOU EVACUATE

- Pillows, blankets & sleeping bags or air mattresses (shelters don't have these)
- Folding chairs or cots
- Extra clothing and shoes
- Personal hygiene items: toothbrush, washcloth, deodorant
- Prescription medications in original containers
- Books
- Toys and/or handheld games
- Food, water and ice

MISCELLANEOUS

- Battery-operated radio
- 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 tank of gas
- Appropriate clothes for post-storm: hat, closed-toe shoes, dry socks, rain gear
- Animal care (ensure that proper food and water are stocked)
- Cash (ATM and credit card networks might be down)



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TAX-FREE HOLIDAY

June 1 – June 12, 2007

The cost of preparing you and your family for emergency situations can be high, but it shouldn't deter you from being prepared. To help Floridians prepare for hurricane season, the Hurricane Preparedness Tax-Free Holiday has been created.

During the first twelve days of June 2007, you can purchase many of the items you need to prepare for the coming hurricane season and pay no sales tax. Many items qualify for a tax-free purchase, including flashlights, radios, tarps, batteries, power generators, storm shutters and more!

For more information, visit

<http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency

911

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

Progress Energy

1-800-228-8485 (to report outage)

Tampa Electric

1-877-588-1010 (to report outage)

Southwest Florida Water Management

1-800-423-1476

Florida Department of Insurance

1-800-227-8676

Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline

1-866-966-7226

Banking Issues

1-877-275-3342

Agricultural and Consumer Services

1-800-435-7352

State Volunteer Hotline

1-800-354-3571

PROTECT YOUR PETS

United States Humane Society

1-202-452-1100

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www.hahf.org

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www.fema.gov

Florida Dept. of Emergency Management

www.floridadisaster.org

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

National Weather Service

www.nws.noaa.gov