

HURRICANE AND FLOOD RESOURCE GUIDE



STAY INFORMED



CodeRED

CodeRED is the Town's emergency notification system. Opt in at www.lbts-fl.gov to receive important public safety updates before, during, and after a storm event.



Nextdoor

In order to follow the Town on Nextdoor, you must be a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea resident and confirm your location in the Nextdoor app.



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Online

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Emergency Police or Fire-Rescue 911

Non-Emergency Police Dispatch (954) 764-4357

American Red Cross (954) 797-3800

Special Needs Shelter Registration (954) 831-3902
(954) 831-3940 (TTY)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (800) 480-2520

Florida Division of Emergency Management (850) 815-4000

Humane Society Pet Hurricane Hotline (954) 266-6871

Florida Power and Light (954) 797-5000

To Report a Power Outage (800) 468-8243

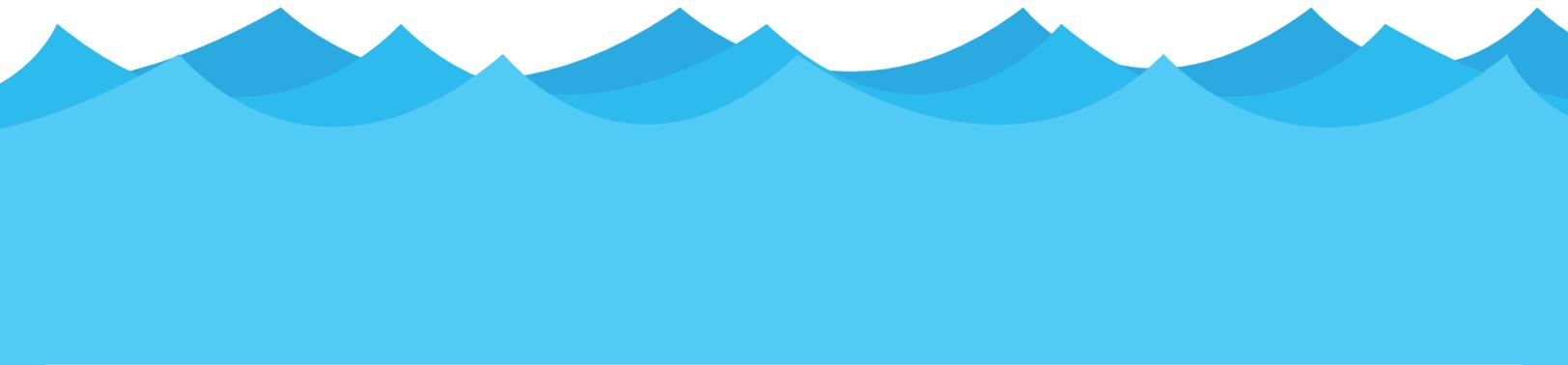
Broward County Hurricane Hotline (954) 831-4000

Broward County School District Hotline (754) 321-0321

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS



- Do not drive or walk through a flooded area. Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths and currents can be deceptive.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical currents can travel through water. To report downed power lines, call 911. The police will also report downed power lines to FPL.
- Have your electricity turned off by FPL. Some appliances, such as television sets, hold electrical charges even after being unplugged. Avoid using appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.
- Be ready for the unexpected. Place important documents such as your insurance policies inside plastic bags or other waterproof containers.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals flooded out of their homes may seek shelter on your property. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals. Use caution when approaching animals after a disaster. Even domesticated animals can react to stress by biting.
- Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. If you use natural gas, use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless the gas has been turned off and the area is properly ventilated.



FLOOD INSURANCE

FLOODING

Here in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, all properties located east of the Coastal Construction Line (generally the east side of El Mar Drive) and on or near the Intracoastal Waterway, or on or near connecting canals, are in Special Flood Hazard areas. To determine if your home or condominium is in the Special Flood Hazard Zone (AE or VE zones), please call the Town's Public Works Department at (954) 640-4232.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968 to provide affordable flood insurance to people who live in Special Flood Hazard Areas, which are neighborhoods with the greatest risk of flooding. Since our town participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, flood insurance is available to protect all homes, condominiums, apartments, and non-residential buildings, including commercial structures here in town. The NFIP offers two types of coverage- building coverage and contents coverage- to protect your home and belongings.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

If you own property and have a federally backed mortgage, you must purchase flood insurance if the property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Standard hazard insurance does not cover flood damage.

FLOOD INSURANCE DISCOUNTS FOR TOWN PROPERTY OWNERS

In 2010, our town received a Class 7 Community System Rating (CSR) meaning town property owners in Special Flood Hazard Areas receive a 15 percent discount on new or renewing flood insurance policies and town property owners in Non-Special Flood Hazard Areas receive a 5 percent discount on policies.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATES TO QUOTE FLOOD INSURANCE

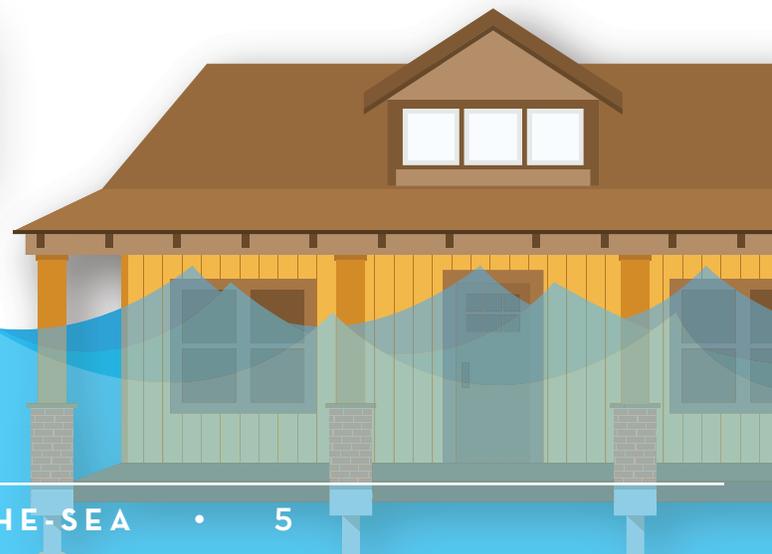
An Elevation Certificate lists the floor elevations and flood zones. Town has been keeping Elevation Certificates for new construction on file since February 2008. To request or submit your property's elevation certificate, call the Town's Public Works Department at (954) 640-4232.

To learn more about the benefits of flood insurance visit www.floodsmart.gov.

To get a quote for flood insurance, call your insurance agent.

WAITING PERIOD

There is a typically a 30-day waiting period before your policy becomes active.



FLOOD PREVENTION

SWALES

A swale is the strip of land in front of your home adjacent to the street. Swales provide an area for stormwater runoff, they filter the stormwater and allow it to percolate into the soil. Swales should be covered with grass. If you would like to participate in our swale restoration program, call the Public Works Department at (954) 640-4232. Town staff will restore the swales in the Town right-of-way at no cost to the property owner.

WATCH WHERE YOU PARK

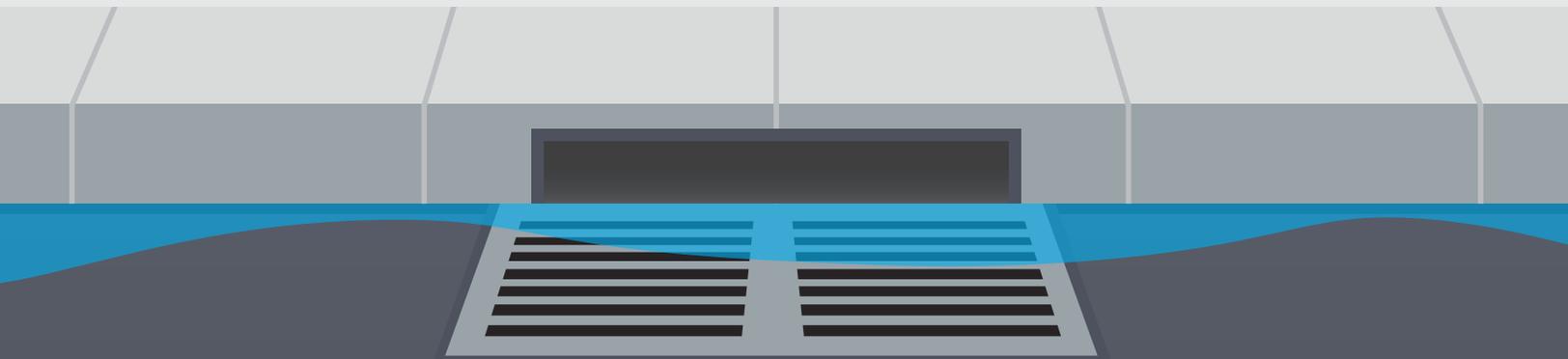
Never park your car in a swale, it will compact the soil and reduce infiltration.

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN

To reduce street flooding, Town adopted a Stormwater Master Plan in 2010 to identify, prioritize and implement drainage projects throughout the community. Currently all the flood prone areas in our town have been mitigated. If you are experiencing unusual flooding in your neighborhood, please call the Public Works Department at (954) 640-4232.

DRAINAGE

Proper drainage helps reduce flooding. The Town inspects the drainage system and removes blockages that are found or reported. You can help by keeping the catch basins clear of landscaping debris and trash. If you witness dumping of any liquid or materials into storm drains or waters in our town, please call this 24-hour hotline (954) 519-1499.





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

WARNING VS. WATCH

Hurricane Warning: Indicates that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. A hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Hurricane Watch: Means that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. A hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON WIND SCALE

HURRICANE CATEGORY	WIND (MPH)
1	75-95
2	96-110
3	111-129
4	130-156
5	157+

Hurricane Season: Runs from June 1 through November 30. When a storm is approaching emotions run high, so don't wait to have a hurricane preparedness plan in place. Now is the time to plan, not when a storm is on the horizon.

EVACUATION PLAN

If an evacuation order is issued for our town, you must leave- all our police, fire and EMS vehicles and personnel will be relocated to a secure location east of the Intracoastal Waterway until AFTER the storm has passed and it is safe for them to return.

Now is the time to determine where you will go and what route you will take. Consider all your options before you decide to go to a Broward County shelter. Your first, best choice is to stay with family or friends outside the evacuation zone. Emergency shelters are a service of the Broward County Commission and the Broward County School Board. Monitor Broward County's website, Broward.org/Hurricane, local television stations or call Broward County's Emergency Hotline at 311 or (954) 831-4000 for shelter openings.

COUNTY SHELTERS CLOSEST TO OUR TOWN ARE:

Arthur Ashe/Rock Island: 1701 NW 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale
Pompano Beach High: 600 NE 13th Ave., Pompano Beach

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

Register now for a special needs shelter if you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care (not from a hospital or medical facility). These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany you to a special needs shelter. Transportation services to and from your pre-planned shelter destination, including transfer assistance, are available through either BCT fixed route service or Paratransit (TOPS).

To request an application for a special needs shelter, call Broward County Emergency Management at (954) 831-3902 or TTY (954) 831-3940).

PET FRIENDLY SHELTERS

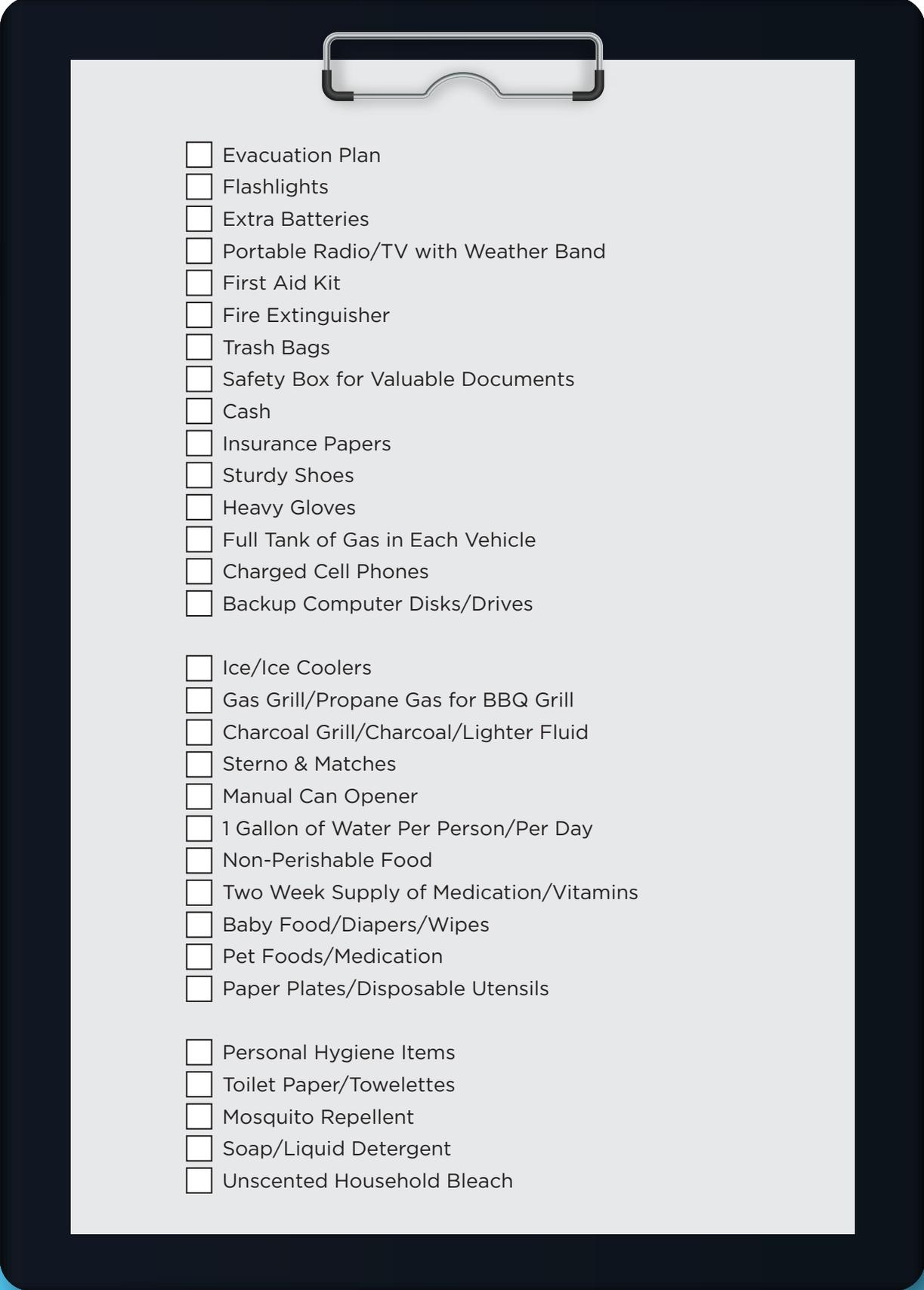
Certain Broward County shelters are designated as pet-friendly (dogs, cats, domestic birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice and hamsters are allowed). All pets must be in a carrier/crate and all dogs must have a collar with a leash. Proof of rabies vaccination for dogs and cats, and their Broward County Registration Tag are required. Bring food/water bowls, cat litter and litter box, medicine, cleaning supplies, etc. Service animals are permitted in General Population Shelters so long as the pet meets the requirements under federal law.

IN BROWARD COUNTY, THE PET FRIENDLY SHELTERS ARE:

Lyons Creek Middle School: 4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek
Everglades High School: 17100 SW 48th Ct., Miramar
Falcon Cove Middle School: 4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston



7-DAY HURRICANE SUPPLY CHECKLIST

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- Evacuation Plan
 - Flashlights
 - Extra Batteries
 - Portable Radio/TV with Weather Band
 - First Aid Kit
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Trash Bags
 - Safety Box for Valuable Documents
 - Cash
 - Insurance Papers
 - Sturdy Shoes
 - Heavy Gloves
 - Full Tank of Gas in Each Vehicle
 - Charged Cell Phones
 - Backup Computer Disks/Drives

 - Ice/Ice Coolers
 - Gas Grill/Propane Gas for BBQ Grill
 - Charcoal Grill/Charcoal/Lighter Fluid
 - Sterno & Matches
 - Manual Can Opener
 - 1 Gallon of Water Per Person/Per Day
 - Non-Perishable Food
 - Two Week Supply of Medication/Vitamins
 - Baby Food/Diapers/Wipes
 - Pet Foods/Medication
 - Paper Plates/Disposable Utensils

 - Personal Hygiene Items
 - Toilet Paper/Towelettes
 - Mosquito Repellent
 - Soap/Liquid Detergent
 - Unscented Household Bleach

PREPARING YOUR HOME AND BOAT

PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Trim trees and branches from around your home before a storm approaches. This will reduce the likelihood of debris falling onto your house. Pay particular attention to weak and damaged trees and branches.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged gutters.
- Secure and reinforce your roof, windows, and doors- including garage doors.
- Batten the Hatches. Know how you will secure your home's windows and doors well in advance of a storm. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection, but you can also use plywood that is at least 5/8 inch thick and exterior grade.
- Generators are only to be used outside, at least 20 feet from windows and doors, and protected from moisture. Never try to power the house by plugging a generator into a wall outlet.

PREPARE YOUR BOAT

- Plan to move your boat or store it. If you must leave the boat outside, attach the trailer tongue to something firm in the ground, let the air out of the tires and make sure the boat is secured to the trailer. If possible, fill the bilge with water, which adds extra weight.
- If you must keep your boat in the canal, be sure to double the dock lines, leaving sufficient space for the tidal range and put out extra anchors.
- Don't forget to remove all marine electronics or other unsecured equipment.
- Sailboat owners should remove self-furling sails and Bimini tops. Boats on davits should be secured with extra tie lines to keep the vessel from swinging during high winds.



DURING AND AFTER A STORM

DURING A STORM

- Pay attention to emergency information and alerts (see page two on how to sign up for alerts).
- If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.
- If you shelter in place, determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding.
- Take refuge in a designated storm shelter or an interior room when high winds approach.
- If you are trapped by flooding, get to the highest level of your home. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.
- Do not go outside, walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

AFTER A STORM

- Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.
- Be careful during clean up. Wear protective clothing, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris. If you have asthma or other lung conditions and/or immune suppression don't enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if you are not allergic to mold. Children should not help with disaster cleanup work.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste, and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines also can electrically charge the water.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a storm. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.





SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Please refer to this guide in the event of an impending hurricane, tropical storm, or projected heavy rainfall. During extended periods of heavy rainfall, low-lying areas within the Town are subject to flooding.

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M-F 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

