

## **Hurricane Tips**

Have a stash of cash in case you get caught in a power outage after a storm.

Emergency Hot Line Information toll-free number is 800-955-5504

Arrange for transportation now if you may need a ride out of the Keys during an evacuation

Decide NOW where you will go if an evacuation is ordered during hurricane season

If you have special needs and will need help in event of a hurricane, call 1-800-516-1665

If you plan to go to a shelter, start a box of things to take with you

Will the facility that stores your boat allow you to store it there during a hurricane? Find out now.

Lash your boat and trailer down securely for hurricane season

Protect lines from chafing during a storm by covering rub spots with garden hose

If you plan to trailer your boat out of the Keys in anticipation of a storm, plan to LEAVE EARLY, before an evacuation order is issued

Do not stock up on frozen food for a hurricane.

Stock up on enough canned and dried goods to feed your family for several days after returning from an evacuation

Make sure your boat's battery is fully charged before you evacuate so the bilge pump will keep working in heavy rain

Check for pet-friendly hotels outside of the county if you will evacuate with your animals

Keep spare batteries for your radio and flashlights

Instead of recycling all your plastic drink containers, keep a few clean ones on hand for storing water

As soon as a hurricane WATCH is posted, keep your gas tank full

Don't wait until a hurricane threatens to arrange for shutters

Save all your receipts for hurricane repair expenses

A hurricane WARNING means hurricane-force winds are expected in your area within 24 hours

A hurricane WATCH means hurricane-force winds are expected in your area within 36 hours

Have a map of the mainland on hand with your evacuation route highlighted

Fill your bathtub before you evacuate so you have water to wash with when you return

Find out if your insurance company will allow you to fill an extra prescription to have with you when you evacuate

Keep a first aid kit stocked and on hand

If you plan to go to a shelter, have blankets and inflatable mattresses ready to go with you

If you plan to go to a shelter, have games and books ready to go with you

Keep a supply of personal hygiene items on hand if you plan to go to a shelter.

If the power goes out during or after a hurricane, turn off all your major appliances to avoid damaging them.

When you evacuate, turn off all your major appliances, electricity and gas

Notify your family or friends outside the affected area that you are evacuating

Double the rigging lines on your boat when securing it for a storm

A small boat can be filled with water to protect it during a hurricane

Remove the outboard motor and electronic units from your boat before a storm

Contact County Emergency Management for help creating a hurricane plan for your business

Keep an inventory of your home and office and take it with you when you evacuate

If you are evacuating with your pets, bring their shot records

Keep yourself and your pets clear of puddles after a storm

Get your re-entry stickers today

When taking your shutters down after a storm, be aware that snakes or other animals may have taken refuge there

If your house floods in a storm, call an electrician before turning the power back on

Video tape your home and business inside and out before and after a storm

After a storm, you will need one gallon of water per person per day for several days

Don't forget to take a manual can opener with your canned goods when you go to a shelter

If you take medications with you to a shelter, label them clearly with your name, dosage and doctor

Get a battery-powered radio and keep extra batteries on hand

NOAA weather radios are inexpensive and are your best source of severe weather alerts