



THE OFFICIAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



KEEPING YOUR BOAT AFLOAT

Boats are particularly vulnerable to damage during a hurricane. Secure your boat before a hurricane warning is given.

At The Marina

- Check cleats, ropes, chokes and winches for strength.
- Ensure lines are high enough on pilings to allow extreme ebb and flow of the ocean during a surge.
- Cover ropes where they rub against the boat.
- Ensure batteries for bilge pumps are fresh and good.
- Cover any cracks or openings on the craft.
- Tie old tires around the boat to protect it.
- Secure loose items.

Boats Stored on Land

- Remove outboard motor, battery and electrical units.
- Deflate the trailer tires.
- Tie down boat and trailer.
- Small boats may be filled with water to add weight.
- If possible, move the boat to a garage.

Live-Aboards

Do not ride the hurricane out on a boat. Many boats are not capable of withstanding a hurricane. You should remove all personal belongings, secure the boat, and shelter on land.

After the Storm

Removing sunken and stranded vessels after the hurricane is a major undertaking and is conducted at the boat owner's expense. Officials will hold boat owners responsible for the removal of wrecks.

NEVER RIDE OUT A HURRICANE IN A MOBILE HOME

No Florida residents are more vulnerable during hurricane season than those who live in mobile homes.

For this reason, mobile home residents need to evacuate regardless of their evacuation level.

According to the National Hurricane Center, no mobile or manufactured home—no matter how new it is — can be a safe shelter from hurricane force winds.

As soon as an evacuation order is announced, make plans.

BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

- Check for loose straps
- Ensure straps are properly aligned
- Verify that ground anchors and stabilizer plates have been installed properly
- Be sure support piers are in contact with the frame
- Replace straps or ground anchors that show signs of damage

While mobile homes are never a safe place to ride out a storm, tie-downs and hurricane straps can prevent your mobile home from coming loose and causing damage or blocking the right-of-way.

Monroe County Emergency Management

490 63rd St, Suite 150 (Ocean)

P: 305-289-6018

F: 305-289-6333

www.MonroeCountyEM.com

Information Hotline: 1-800-955-5504

Monroe County Channel 76

Monroe County Sheriff's Office

www.KeysSO.net

Emergencies only 9-1-1

Non-Emergencies 305-289-2371

Florida Division of Emergency Management

www.FloridaDisaster.org/Hurricane

800-342-3557

Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

www.FEMA.gov

1-800-621-3362 - (TTY/TDD 800-462-7585)

American Red Cross

www.FloridaKeysRedCross.org

305-296-4033

National Weather Service, Key West

www.SRH.NOAA.gov/Key/?n=Tropical

305-295-1316

Florida Department of Insurance

800-342-2762

National Hurricane Center

www.NHC.NOAA.gov

US Coast Guard

www.USCGboating.org



MAKE A PLAN



The Hurricane season begins June 1st and lasts through November 30th. Your Personal Plan of Action details who does what, where you go, and what you take along.

- Determine your destination.
- Register those in your family who need special assistance with the county Special Needs Program.
- Register your pet at a pet-friendly county shelter.
- Review your insurance policies and coverage.
- Take photos of your property for insurance.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit.
- Find an out of town relative friend as your contact.
- Remove all loose items from your yard.
- Turn off water, gas and electricity.
- Shutter your home.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY CONTACT:
TELEPHONE:

OUT OF TOWN CONTACT NAME:
TELEPHONE:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT:
TELEPHONE:

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

GET A KIT



Supplies listed should last for at least 3 Days

Water: 1 gallon per person per day, for drinking.

Lighting: Flashlights, lanterns, and batteries.

Supplies: Battery powered radio, NOAA Radio, blankets, fire extinguisher, extra clothes, tools and cash on hand.

Nonperishable food: Canned vegetables, fruit, meats and a manual can opener.

First-aid Kit: Manual, bandages, prescription and nonprescription medicines etc.

Documents: To help prove ownership, insurance claims, pictures, etc.

Store supplies: Store with care in airtight plastic bags.

Keep Pets Safe: If you evacuate, take pets with you. Make sure your pets have proper ID and up-to-date shot records etc.

What to Bring to a Shelter

- Water and Food.
- Clothing and Bedding.
- Personal Supplies, baby supplies if needed.
- Medications and First-Aid.
- Important documents.
- Games, books, etc.

BE INFORMED



Local resources that will provide the latest Hurricane updates:

Monroe County Websites

Emergency Management: www.monroecountyem.com
County: www.monroecounty-fl.gov
Weather: www.weather.gov/keywest

Newspapers

Key West Citizen | The Free Press | The Keynoter
The Reporter | The Weekly News | The Barometer

Television

Comcast: Monroe County Channel 76
Weather Channel: Channel 27

AM/FM Radio

WWUS US 1 Radio / 104.1 FM
WCTH Thunder County / 100.3 FM
WKWM NPR / 91.5 FM
WEOW / 92.7 FM
WFKZ SUN FM / 103.1 FM
WIIS Island/ 106.9 FM
WCNK Conch Country / 98.7 FM
WKYZ Pirate Radio / 101.7 FM
WXXW The X / 104.9

Information Hotline

800-955-5504



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MONROE COUNTY SHELTERS

CATEGORY 1 & 2 STORMS: SHELTER LOCATIONS

- **Key West High School**
2100 Flagler Ave, Key West
- **Sugarloaf Elementary School**
US1 & Crane Blvd., MM19, Sugarloaf Key
- **Marathon High School**
350 Sombreo Beach Rd., Marathon
- **Coral Shores High School**
US1, MM 90, Key Largo

** PET Sheltering is Available for Each Shelter.

CATEGORY 3, 4 & 5 STORMS: THERE ARE NO SHELTERS IN MONROE COUNTY

Evacuation becomes MANDATORY for everyone and you will then be directed to the appropriate shelter on the mainland.

IF you decide **NOT** to evacuate, remember, you will not be able to get medical, fire-rescue or law enforcement help until the storm conditions subside, roads are made passable, and equipment is operable. We strongly urge an orderly, but immediate evacuation that will help ensure you arrive safely at your destination or Monroe County Public Shelter on the mainland.

REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Monroe County Social Services has a "Special Needs Registry Program" that will offer assistance to persons with special needs living in the Keys during evacuation and sheltering. To be part of this program you must pre-register. Call 305-292-4591, or visit our website: www.MonroeCountyEM.com.