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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS & EVACUATION INFORMATION

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June 1 – November 30

Forecasts

TROPICAL CLIMATE

- **Tropical Depression** – An organized system of clouds and **thunderstorms** with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds * of 38 mph (33kt*) or less.
- **Tropical Storm** – An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph (34-36kt).
- **Hurricane** – An Intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 kt) or higher.

Saffir-Simpson Scale

Category 1: Sustained winds of 74-95 mph.
Storm Surge 4-5 ft.

Category 2: Sustained winds of 96-110 mph.
Storm Surge 6-8 ft.

Category 3: Sustained winds of 111-130 mph.

Category 4: Sustained winds of 131-155 mph. Storm Surge 13-18 ft

Category 5: Sustained winds of 155 + mph.
Storm Surge 18+ ft

Hurricane Watch - A hurricane may strike your area within 24-48 hours

Preparation Plan ...

Be Prepared

Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. Plan in advance where you will stay, how you will get there and what supplies you will take.

1. Make arrangements with friends or relatives living in a non-evacuation area or check into a hotel located inland: or, as a last resort, use a public shelter (see evacuation pickup sites under EVACUATION).
2. Have a transportation plan for emergencies.
3. Tell family or neighbors where you would go to stay in case of an emergency.
4. Don't leave your pet(s) behind make arrangements with a kennel or friend to care for your pet(s). There are Hotels that will accept pets with prior registration.

Hurricane Season Preparation Plan

Before Evacuating Secure Your Home/Condo/Apartment

Take down and bring in any decorations, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas, and other loose and/or unsecured structures from outdoors, including all patios.

Please keep the following in mind when preparing your home before evacuating:

- Fill Prescriptions and fill vehicle gas tanks
- Unplug TV/computer and bring antenna and satellite dish inside.
- Move furniture and electronics away from windows and cover with plastic.
- Turn refrigerator to its coolest setting
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store in high place.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Sarasota County
Emergency Management
(for Sarasota and Venice)
6050 Porter Way, Suite 165
Sarasota, FL 34232

<https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/emergency-management-4420>

[Hurricane Information | Venice, FL
\(venicegov.com\)](https://www.venicegov.com/hurricane-information)

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Maintain a two-week supply of food and drink for when you return after a storm.

You may want to include the following items:

- Water and ice
- Special dietary need items
- Small container of canned meats, fruits, soups, etc.
- Dry cereal and crackers
- Granola, cereal, protein bars, nuts, peanut butter
- Canned or bottled juices
- Dry or non-refrigerated milk and baby formula



Survival Kit

Keep a kit at your home with the following items in it. Some of these items will be needed to secure your home, some you will take with you when you evacuate, and others will be needed once the storm has passed, and you are allowed to re-occupy your home.



Radio/TV/Fan (battery powered)
Flashlights
Batteries
Can Opener
Seasonal Clothing
Blanket & Pillows
Mosquito/Insect Repellant
Matches, Lantern or Lighter
Prescription Medicines
First Aid Kit
Box of plastic or rubber gloves

Baby Diapers & Incontinent pads (if applicable)
Toiletries
Spare Keys to Home & Vehicle
Fuel (stored in approved container)
Fire Extinguisher
Map of the area
Emergency cooking facilities
Propane for gas grills
Cash – small bills as the power will prevent credit card usage

PETS – Do Not Leave Your Pet at Home

The survival of you and your pets could depend on your personal disaster plan. Write it down. In times of emergency, overlooking important tasks is easy. Know if you are in an evacuation zone, and when you will evacuate (NOTE: ALL mobile home residents are required to evacuate at any level of a hurricane.) Even if you live in a non-flood zone, have a contingency plan in case you are required to evacuate for other types of emergencies.

List all the survival items you will need for your pets. Purchase supplies for at least two weeks. Travel will likely be very difficult and unsafe. Getting any additional supplies after the storm arrives maybe impossible for several days.

When you are planning for your evacuation, the location you are planning to go to should be as close to home as is safely possible. The highways will be crowded, making long distance travel difficult. Some motels and hotels will allow pets during declared evacuations if they are properly confined in a carrier or cage. Check with your preferred motel or hotel before evacuating to be sure your pet will be welcome. A limited number of private boarding facilities are available for your pets if you cannot evacuate with them. Remember to choose a boarding facility located close to your evacuation route as travel will be at best, difficult.

Pet Supply Kit

- Medication and medical records and a first aid kit.
- Study leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pet safely and ensure that you animals can't escape.
- Food, portable water bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Current pet photo in case they get lost.
- Information on deeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems.
- Name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

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941-861-5495

[2023 Hurricane Guide \(venicegov.com\)](http://venicegov.com)

Emergency

Evacuation Information	911
Police Dept. Non-Emergency	941-861-5000
Fire Dept. Non-Emergency	941-486-2444
Fire Dept. Non-Emergency After Hours	941-480-3030
Water/Sewer Emergency	941-882-7510
FPL (Report an Outage)	941-486-2770
City of Venice Non-Emergency	800-468-8243
Sarasota County Contact Center	941-486-2626
Access County Govt. Services	941-861-5000
Red Cross SWFL Chapter	311
Animal Services	941-379-9300
Solid Waste	941-861-9500
Medically-Dependent Registry	941-486-2422
Salvation Army	941-861-5000
United Way	941-954-4673
Suncoast - confidential service that helps people find local resources	941-366-2686
Highway Patrol	211
Sheriff	941-492-5850
Price Gouging Hotline	941-861-5800
Poison Control	866-966-7226
FEMA	800-222-1222
	800-621-3362



Sarasota County residents with qualifying medical needs are encouraged to apply NOW for registration as a medically dependent person (MDP).

Examples of qualifying medical needs include the use of oxygen or use of medical equipment that requires electricity.

It is important to apply in advance for this program so, if qualified, you will be on the county's registry for transportation and sheltering at a medically-dependent Evacuation Center during a disaster. Pre-registration helps when time is limited. To apply for more information visit scgov.net and search for "medical needs" or call 941-861-5000.



SHELTERS

A hurricane Evacuation Center is a facility that provides increased protection to the public from high winds and/or storm surge. It is a place to ride out the storm that may or may not be comfortable with very limited provisions. Evacuation Centers are opened for the single purpose of protecting life. They are opened based on the ability of that facility to withstand the forecasted winds effects and storm surge.

Evacuation facilities do not have generators and offer no services other than a very basic food provision, water, and 20 sq. ft. per person for floor space. There are no cots, pillows or blankets provided. Evacuates must bring their own bedding and supplies.

Power loss results in no air conditioning. It is a public environment where there are large numbers of people in close proximity to each other. The one thing all evacuees have in common is they are seeking protection from intense weather.

Stay tuned to local media for a listing of Evacuation Centers that will be open. Opening may differ by size and intensity of a disaster.

2023 HURRICANE EVACUATION CENTERS

These shelters are a refuge of last resort; a place to go if you can't stay at home or with a relative, friend, co-worker or nearby hotel. Hurricane Evacuation Centers should be utilized when the alternative does not exist. Remember, evacuation centers are not designed for comfort and not all accept pets.

NOT ALL SHELTERS ARE OPEN FOR EVERY STORM!

Please monitor the local media for current shelter openings and locations.



Taylor Ranch Elementary School	2500 Taylor Ranch Tr. (off U.S. 41), South Venice
North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Heron Creek Middle School	6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Woodland Middle School	2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port
Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port
Fruitville Elementary School	601 Honore Ave., Sarasota
Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota
Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St., Sarasota
Riverview High School	1 Ram Way, Sarasota
Booker High School	3201 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota
Phillippi Shores Elementary School	4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

HURRICANE PROCEDURES
Hurricane Season is June 1-November 30

Dear Residents:

We composed an alphabetical outline of hurricane procedures and how they will affect your family. Make plans now on where you plan to stay. Stock up on food items; water (1 gallon per day per person); flashlights; battery powered radio; first aid kit; and prescription medications to avert the rush at the stores.

ELECTRICITY/ AIR CONDITIONING:

In the event there is loss of electricity, the air conditioning will shut down until power is restored. This will be an inconvenience to those planning to stay in their home. We are informing you now so that you can make alternative plans or explore purchasing a generator for emergency power outages. Please make sure each person in your household has a flashlight available to them for use.

LANAIS:

Remove all furniture from lanai: potted plants, tables, chairs and anything affixed to the walls during a hurricane "WATCH". If you are not going to be in the residence please make arrangements to get everything off your lanai.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Emergency services will probably not be available in a timely fashion, if at all, due to impassable roadways and they prioritize those most in need. If you have a medical condition that could warrant a need, you might want to consider other arrangements until after the storm.

EVACUATION:

Mandatory evacuation, if necessary, will be mandated by the local authorities. Complete all storm preparations and follow local emergency management official's advice. In addition, fallen trees could make the roadways impassable. There are some local hotels/motels that will keep an open reservation on your credit card and activate the reservation when we are in hurricane WATCH.

HURRICANE "WATCH":

This is when conditions are possible in the specified area and can affect more than 100 miles of coastline. Evacuation zones are identified by the likelihood of being flooded by this rising water.

HURRICANE "WARNING":

This is when hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning within twenty-four (24) hours of landfall. Complete all storm preparations and immediately follow local emergency management official's advice about evacuating dangerous or low-lying locations.

INSURANCE:

Pictures and videos of the contents to your unit are crucial if you need to put in a claim to your insurance company. Also, copies of warranty booklets with model and serial numbers of your personal property should be kept with the pictures. If you are leaving your home, it is advisable to take copies of your pictures and policies with you. In the event your local agent is not available, make sure you have a corporate headquarters office telephone number to call.

LEAVING YOUR HOME:

We advise you to call family members and let them know where you are going and provide a phone number before you leave because phone service might be out, due to high winds, by the time you get to your destination. (See EVACUATION section above).

PETS:

Most shelters do not permit pets. Please call your County to receive information and an application. Pets cannot be left in the unit unattended. Should you decide to leave the country, please make proper arrangements with your vet, kennel, friends or family to care for your pet

POOL AND JACUZZI:

The pool furniture will be stored during hurricane **“WATCH”**. If you plan on using the pool area, we apologize for the inconvenience of not having chairs on the pool deck available. The pool will be chlorinated during hurricane **“WATCH”** and will remain out of commission for at least two (2) days after the storm.

RECOVERY AFTER THE STORM:

After the storm, roadways may be impassable making it impossible to return to the community. The landscaping crew, **once they are able to return to work**, will make a diligent effort to clear the roadways. Electricity and water may not be available. You should have water on hand to carry you through until services are restored.

RETURNING TO THE PROPERTY:

Please be patient; officials’ priority is public safety. Listen to the local news media for possible road closures and curfews. A reoccupation order can take hours, days or even weeks depending on the severity of damage to the roads, bridges and buildings. After the order for reoccupation is issued, you will have to provide proof of residency (driver’s license and/or utility bill with current address) this is to protect your home and/or business from unwelcome visitors.

SHELTER FOR EVACUATION:

The public shelters are far from comfortable. You must bring a bed roll, pillow, food for at least three meals, flashlights, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, diapers, and water for each person in your family. The supply of food is limited and might not be to your liking.

WATER:

Keep at least one gallon of water per person for each day. A two-week supply is prudent. Clean your tub with bleach and fill your tub for cooking, washing and to flush your toilets.

We hope this pamphlet has been informative and will assist you during storm preparations.

Good Luck!