

# **RIVER BEND HURRICANE EMERGENCY PLAN**

## **HURRICANE SEASON – 6/1 THROUGH 11/30** **BE PREPARED – PLAN AHEAD!**

**Check “Hurricane Procedures” under “Resources”, RB website.**

It is important for all of us to know what to do in case of an emergency. We need a Personal Plan of Action and River Bend also needs a Plan of Action. This guide has been revised for 2013. Please keep it handy.

A pre-determined Disaster Plan carries no guarantee that, during or after a disaster, damages or inconveniences will not occur. No one is expected to risk injury to protect our Community.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE – ALL SHELTERS ARE LOCATED ON THE MAINLAND – NONE ON BARRIER ISLAND.**

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## DEFINITIONS

<b><u>Tropical Disturbance:</u></b>	No strong wind but there is rotary circulation
<b><u>Tropical Depression:</u></b> speeds of 38 mph	Clearly defined low-pressure area; Wind
<b><u>Tropical Storm:</u></b> Winds from 39-73 mph	Low-pressure area; Defined rotary circulation;
<b><u>Tropical Storm Watch:</u></b> 36 hours	Tropical storm poses a threat to an area within
<b><u>Tropical Storm Warning:</u></b>	Storm conditions with 39-73 mph sustained winds which may hit a specific area with in 24 hours.
<b><u>Hurricane Watch:</u></b>	Possible hurricane conditions within 36 hrs. Enact Personal Disaster Plan.
<b><u>Hurricane Warning:</u></b>	Possible winds of 74 mph within 24 hrs, complete Personal Disaster Plan, seek shelter.
<b><u>Hurricanes</u></b>	
Category 1:	Winds 74-95 mph
Category 2:	Winds 96-110 mph
Category 3:	Winds 111-130 mph
Category 4:	Winds 131-155 mph
Category 5:	Winds 155 +
<b><u>Storm Surge:</u></b>	Rapidly rising tides as storms as storm makes landfall. Salt water flooding cripples communications, overwhelms storm sewers and may contaminate drinking water supplies. Check the County Emergency Management Web Site to find surge area information for our area.

## Riding out the Storm at River Bend

### Board of Directors Responsibilities

- Secure building plans along with names, addresses and phone numbers of architects, engineers, contractors and subcontractors. Secure source codes and/or vendor sources – this information should be evacuated if all board members evacuate.
- All unit keys and code for alarm to stay with a remaining owner.
- Lock off elevator at 4th floor.
- Remove any items from 3rd floor veranda, unit front door and balcony for absent owners. Close shutters.
- Pool: Put chairs, tables and equipment in recreation room.
- Put easement bench in recreation room.
- Move recycles bins inside.
- Install shutters on recreation room (stored in meter room)
- Remove parking and neighborhood watch signs at front entrance

### Residents

- Move car into garage
- Stay away from windows and front doors if without shutters
- Stay in reinforced room (bathroom, closet) and wait
- Lose power? Turn off water heater and A/C
- Don't leave condo until confirmed safe
- Check on your neighbors afterward
- Have River Bend Directory available
- Hurricane Supply List:
  - First Aid Kit – prescription medication, antacids, pain reliever's, insect Repellent
  - Important papers – Identification, Insurance papers, special medical info

- Flashlights, battery operated radio, batteries, candles, lighter, cooler
- Drinking water (1 gal. per person per day), water for pets, Non-drinking Water for washing dishes, take sponge baths (fill bathtubs before storm)
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
  - Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
  - Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
    - Non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
    - Foods for infants or the elderly
    - Snack foods
    - Non-electric can opener
    - Cooking tools / fuel
    - Paper plates / plastic utensils
  - Tools – hammer, pliers, screwdriver, wrenches, hatchet, tarps, gloves, rope, tape
  - Clean up supplies – toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, trash bags

### Family Disaster Plan

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's Vulnerability to storm **surge, flooding** and **wind**.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane Hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members Have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your Children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by Homeowners insurance.
- Use a **NOAA weather radio**. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.
- Turn off water, unplug small appliances, TV's & computers
- Turn off ice maker, empty ice tray
- Lock windows, doors close shutters and/or move all items inside from doorway a balcony.
- Take copy of River Bend Directory
- Stay in touch through River Bend website as long as there is electricity.

- Inform someone at River Bend when you're leaving and where you can be Reached.
- If need assistance, ask any River Bend resident.

### **Disaster Supply Kit**

- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional(not cordless telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys
- Toys, Books, Cards and Games
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight resalable plastic bag— insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
  - Proper identification / immunization records / medications
  - Ample supply of food and water
  - A carrier or cage muzzle and leash

### **Have a Place to Go**

Develop a family hurricane preparedness plan before an actual storm threatens your area. If your family hurricane preparedness plan includes evacuation to a safer location for any of the reasons specified with in this website, then it is important to consider the following points:

- **If ordered to evacuate, do not wait or delay your departure.** If possible, leave before local officials issue an evacuation order for your area. Even a slight delay in starting your evacuation will result in significantly longer travel times as traffic congestion worsens.
- **Select an evacuation destination that is nearest to your home, preferably in the same county, or at least minimize the distance over**

**which you must travel in order to reach your intended shelter location.** In choosing your destination, keep in mind that the hotels and other sheltering options in most inland metropolitan areas are likely to be filled very quickly in a large, multi-county hurricane evacuation event.

- **If you decide to evacuate to another county or region be prepared to wait in traffic.** The large number of people in this state who must evacuate during a hurricane will probably cause massive delays and major congestion along most designated evacuation routes the larger the storm, the greater the probability of traffic jams and extended travel times. If possible, make arrangements to stay with the friend or relative who resides closest to your home and who will not have to evacuate. Discuss with your intended host the details of your family evacuation plan well before the beginning of the hurricane season.
- **If a hotel or motel is your final intended destination during an evacuation, make reservations before you leave.** Most hotel and motels will fill quickly once evacuations begin. The longer you wait to make reservations, even if an official evacuation order has not been issued for your area or county, the less likely you are to find hotel/motel room vacancies, especially along interstate highways and in major metropolitan areas.
- **If you are unable to stay with friends or family and no hotels/motels rooms are available, then as a last resort go to a shelter.** Remember, shelters are not designed for comfort and do not usually accept pets. Bring your disaster supply kit with you to the shelter. Find Pet-Friendly hotels and motels.
- **Make sure that you fill up your car with gas, before you leave.**

## [Pet Plan](#)

Contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.

### Before Disaster

- Make sure that your pets are current on their vaccinations. Pet shelters may  
Require proof of vaccines.
- Have a current photograph
- Keep a collar with identification on your pet and have a leash on hand to control your pet.

- Have a properly-sized pet carrier for each animal - carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.
- Plan your evacuation strategy and don't forget your pet! Specialized pet shelters, animal control shelters, veterinary clinics and friends and relatives out of harm's way are ALL potential refuges for your pet during a disaster.

**If you plan to shelter your pet - work it into your evacuation route planning.**

### **During Disaster**

- Animals brought to a pet shelter are required to have: Proper identification collar and rabies tag, proper identification on all belongings, a carrier or cage, a leash, an ample supply of food, water and food bowls, any necessary medications, specific care instructions and news papers or trash bags for clean-up.
- Bring pets indoor well in advance of a storm - reassure them and remain calm.
- Pet shelters will be filled on first come first served basis. Call ahead and determine availability.

### **After the Disaster**

- Walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home – often familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and pets could easily be confused and become lost. Also, downed power lines, reptiles brought in with high water and debris can all pose a threat for animals after a disaster.
- If pets cannot be found after a disaster, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring along a picture of your pet if possible.
- After a disaster, animals can become aggressive or defensive - monitor their behavior.

**Don't forget your pet when preparing a family disaster plan.**

### **Pet Disaster Supply Kit**

- Proper identification including immunization records
- Ample supply of food, water and bowls
- A carrier or cage
- Medications
- Muzzle, collar and leash litter, garbage bags, disinfectants

## Securing Water Crafts

Water crafts are particularly vulnerable to damage during a hurricane. Move to a safe location or secure in your slip. Check cleats & ropes for strength. Raise lift to maximum height and secure vessel to life platform. Double rig fore and aft. Ensure lines are high enough on pilings to allow for extreme ebb and flow. Cover ropes where they rub against boat and tie points. Make sure bilge pump batteries are fresh. Loose items should be removed or secured inside the craft.

## Lessons Learned from Previous Hurricanes

- If without shutters, strengthen unit entrance doors by making sure sliders in the stationary sides are all the way up – bore out carefully with a screw driver to make sure slide is up as far as it can go. Make sure latch on door knob fits as tight as possible. Add weather stripping if needed to seal doors even more. Unit doors with tape and sandbags at the bottom kept out water and sand and kept doors from blowing open.
- Double windows in L/R and master B/R are weakest in the middle. If no shutters, brace from inside if possible or install plywood.
- Stay informed:
  - \*Storm Tracking - [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
  - \*Constant Local Conditions: [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)
  - \*Road Status: [http://www.eoconline.org/EM\\_Live/roadstat.nsf](http://www.eoconline.org/EM_Live/roadstat.nsf)
  - \*River Bend Condo information: [www.riverbendcondos.net](http://www.riverbendcondos.net)
- Take in ALL objects from balconies and front doorways including mats and door ornaments. Remove **ALL** screens.
- Don't overload refrigerator with food when storm forecasted. Set to coldest temp, start making ice and have cooler ready. Note: If lose electricity, refrigerators need to be set at "5" temp. Before restarting.
- Get supply of "Damp-Rid" for dampness and mildew control.
- If anticipating use of a generator, have enough gas for 2-4 days. Make sure you have area outside to run generator – **NOT inside due to dangerous fumes of carbon monoxide which is odorless and lethal.** If running generator on your balcony, notify neighbors all around so they can take steps to avoid fumes.
- Clean up garage parking area in case of flooding.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

During an emergency	321-637-6674
Red Cross Disaster services	321-632-0881
Shelter location	321-723-7141
Special Needs Shelters	321-637-6670
Pet Shelters	321-633-2024
Florida Wildlife Patrol	1-888-404-3922
Brevard County Sheriff's Office – Non-Emergency Numbers	North 264-5100 Central 633-7162 South 952-6371

Text Alerts: Text "**Follow Brevard EOC**" to **40404**

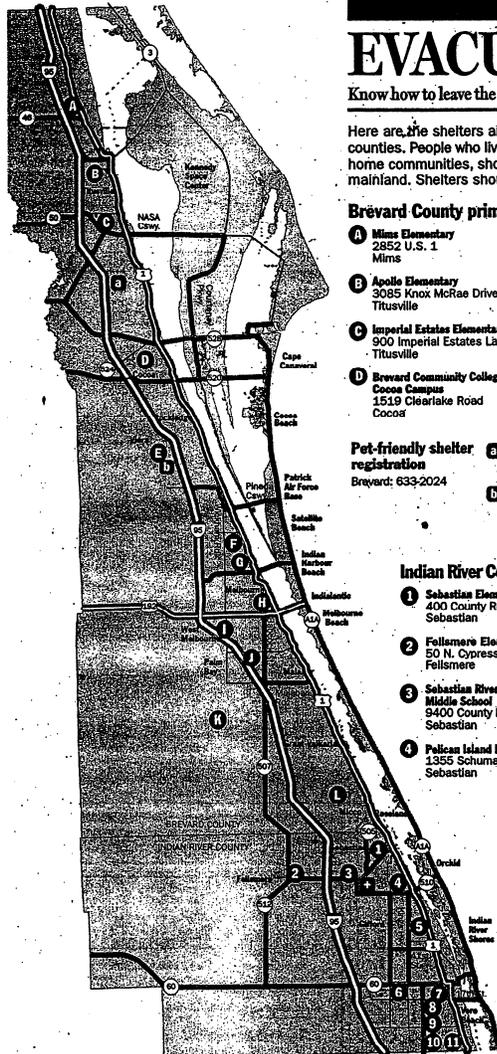
## Emergency Management Web Sites

Brevard County	<a href="http://www.embrevard.com">www.embrevard.com</a>
National Hurricane Center	<a href="http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/">www.nhc.noaa.gov/</a>
National Weather Service-Melbourne	<a href="http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb">www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb</a>

# EVACUATION ROUTES

Know how to leave the area and where to find a hurricane shelter if you need to stay

Here are the shelters and evacuation routes by region in Brevard and Indian River counties. People who live in high-risk areas, such as the barrier islands or manufactured-home communities, should stay with relatives, friends or in a motel or hotel on the mainland. Shelters should be used as a last resort.



## Brevard County primary shelters

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| <b>A</b> Mims Elementary<br>2852 U.S. 1<br>Mims                                    | <b>E</b> Manatee Elementary<br>3425 Solemo Blvd.<br>Viera                                   | <b>I</b> Meadowlark Intermediate School<br>2700 Wingate Blvd.<br>West Melbourne |
| <b>B</b> Apollo Elementary<br>3085 Knox McRae Drive<br>Titusville                  | <b>F</b> Brevard Community College<br>Melbourne Campus<br>3865 N. Wickham Road<br>Melbourne | <b>J</b> Riviera Elementary<br>351 Riviera Drive N.E.<br>Melbourne              |
| <b>C</b> Imperial Estates Elementary<br>900 Imperial Estates Lane<br>Titusville    | <b>G</b> Eau Gallie High<br>1400 Commodore Blvd.<br>Melbourne                               | <b>K</b> Rayside High School<br>1900 DeGroot Road S.W.<br>Palm Bay              |
| <b>D</b> Brevard Community College<br>Cocoa Campus<br>1519 Clearlake Road<br>Cocoa | <b>H</b> Melbourne High<br>74 Bulldog Blvd.<br>Melbourne                                    | <b>L</b> South Mainland Community Center<br>3700 Allen Avenue<br>Micco          |

## Pet-friendly shelter registration

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| <b>A</b> Port St. John Community Center<br>6650 Corto Road<br>Port St. John               |
| <b>B</b> Community Center Viera<br>Regional Park<br>2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way<br>Viera |

## Special-needs shelter registration information

Brevard: 637-6670

## Indian River County primary shelters

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| <b>1</b> Sebastian Elementary<br>400 County Road 512<br>Sebastian              | <b>5</b> Gifford Middle School<br>4530 28th Court<br>Gifford     | <b>9</b> Oco Middle School<br>480 20th Ave. S.W.<br>Vero Beach               |
| <b>2</b> Fellsmere Elementary<br>50 N. Cypress St.<br>Fellsmere                | <b>6</b> Glendale Elementary,<br>4940 8th St.<br>Vero Beach      | <b>10</b> Thompson Magnet<br>Elementary<br>1110 15th Ave. S.W.<br>Vero Beach |
| <b>3</b> Sebastian River<br>Middle School<br>5400 County Road 512<br>Sebastian | <b>7</b> Freshman Learning Center<br>1507 19th St.<br>Vero Beach | <b>11</b> Highlands Elementary<br>500 20th Ave. S.W.<br>Vero Beach           |
| <b>4</b> Pelican Island Elementary<br>1355 Schumann Drive<br>Sebastian         | <b>8</b> Vero Beach High School<br>1707 16th St.<br>Vero Beach   |  |

## Special-needs shelter registration information

Indian River: Call Indian River County's emergency management information line at (772) 567-2154.

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| <b>1</b> Special needs shelter<br>Treasure Coast Elementary<br>8955 85th St.<br>Sebastian |
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