

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. Please keep this guide 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.

Emergency Management Web Sites

Brevard County	www.embrevard.com
National Hurricane Center	www.nhc.noaa.gov/
National Weather Service-Melbourne	www.weather.gov/mlb

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

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Brevard County Emergency Management Have a Plan / Special Needs

Planning for Individuals with Special Needs

The Brevard County Special Needs program is for residents with specific health and/or medical conditions needing assistance with sheltering in times of an emergency or disaster during an evacuation. Residents who meet the Special Needs criteria and have no other alternative for a safe shelter should register with Emergency Management.

Applications are available:

- [Online, by clicking here](#) (ctrl + click on the blue section will take you to the website)
- [Paper copy, by clicking here](#) (ctrl + click on the blue section will take you to the website)
- By calling 321-637-6670
- You can also talk to your home health care agency, hospice agency, medical supply company, or other caregiver, who can assist with completing an application.

Once registered, annual updates are required to keep information current and up-to-date.

DEFINITIONS

<u>Tropical Disturbance:</u>	No strong wind but there is rotary circulation
<u>Tropical Depression:</u> speeds of 38 mph	Clearly defined low-pressure area; Wind
<u>Tropical Storm:</u> Winds from 39-73 mph	Low-pressure area; Defined rotary circulation;
<u>Tropical Storm Watch:</u> 36 hours	Tropical storm poses a threat to an area within
<u>Tropical Storm Warning:</u>	Storm conditions with 39-73 mph sustained winds which may hit a specific area within 24 hours.
<u>Hurricane Watch:</u>	Possible hurricane conditions within 36 hrs. Enact Personal Disaster Plan.
<u>Hurricane Warning:</u>	Possible winds of 74 mph within 24 hrs, Complete Personal Disaster Plan, seek shelter.
<u>Hurricanes</u>	
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 +

Storm Surge:

Rapidly rising tides as storms 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

- If information is not stored on our association website, 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. Place sand bags in front elevator shafts on each floor – stored in trash rooms on each floor.
- Remove any items from 2nd and 3rd floor verandas, 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 and lay concrete benches flat on ground.
- Move recycles bins inside north garage.
- Install shutters on recreation room (stored in meter room near north garage)
- Remove parking and neighborhood watch signs at front entrance and place in south garage.
- Duct Tape all outside key holes. Including unit entry doors.

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
- Inform your building team leader if you are leaving or staying.

- Hurricane Supply List:
 - First Aid Kit – prescription medication, antacids, pain relievers, 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.
 - Keep cell phone fully charged as long as possible.

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. Prepare your unit as if you will be on an extended trip (ie shut off water, hot water heater, etc.)
- **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 newspapers 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
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[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. Consider removing covers for the duration of the storm.

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 outside.
- Stay informed:
 - *Storm Tracking - www.nhc.noaa.gov
 - *Constant Local Conditions: www.floridadisaster.org
 - *Road Status: <http://www.fl511.com> or
https://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic/live_traffic_feed.html
<https://www.waze.com/> (Phone App)
 - *River Bend Condo information: 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. If you are not staying, remove as much perishable food as possible before leaving, dump ice container, and shut off ice maker. 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:

Brevard County Emergency Management

321-637-6670

Red Cross Disaster Services (Rockledge)	321-890-1002
Red Cross Disaster Services	*321-632-0881
Shelter location (before Evacuation notice)	321-637-6670
Shelter Location (After Evacuation notice)	321-637-6674
Shelter Location	*321-723-7141
Special Needs Shelters	321-637-6670
Brevard County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit (Pet Shelters)	321-633-2105
Florida Wildlife Patrol	1-888-404-3922
Cape Canaveral Hospital	321-799-7111
Holmes Hospital	321-434-7000
Melbourne Regional Hospital	321-752-1200
Rockledge Regional Hospital	321-636-2211
Brevard County Sheriff's Office – Non-Emergency Number	North 321-264-5100 Central 321-633-7162 South 321-952-6371

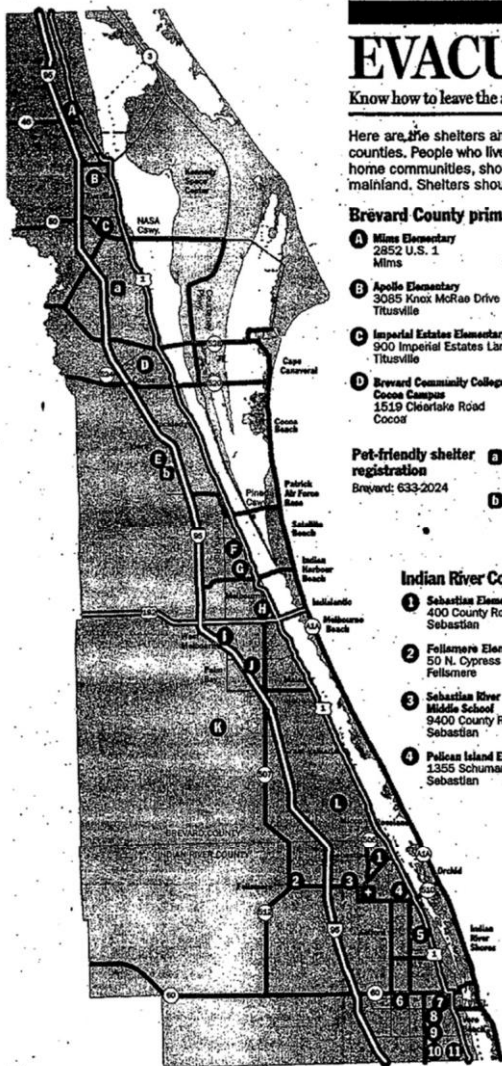
Text Alerts: Text **"Follow BrevardEOC"** to **40404**

***Only activated during storms**

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

Pet-friendly shelter registration

- Brevard: 633-2024
- M** Port St. John Community Center
6650 Corto Road
Port St. John
 - N** Community Center Viera
Regional Park
2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera

Special-needs shelter registration information

Brevard: 637-6670

Indian River County primary shelters

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| 1 Sebastian Elementary
400 County Road 512
Sebastian | 5 Gifford Middle School
4530 28th Court
Gifford | 9 Oale Middle School
480 20th Ave. S.W.
Vero Beach |
| 2 Fellsmere Elementary
50 N. Cypress St.
Fellsmere | 6 Glendale Elementary,
4940 8th St.
Vero Beach | 10 Thompson Magnet
Elementary
1110 18th Ave. S.W.
Vero Beach |
| 3 Sebastian River
Middle School
9400 County Road 512
Sebastian | 7 Freshman Learning Center
1507 19th St.
Vero Beach | 11 Highlands Elementary
500 20th Ave. S.W.
Vero Beach |
| 4 Pelican Island Elementary
1355 Schumann Drive
Sebastian | 8 Vero Beach High School
1707 16th St.
Vero Beach | |

Special-needs shelter registration information

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

- 2** Special needs shelter
Treasure Coast Elementary
8955 85th St.
Sebastian