

# Hurricanes & Safety Plans

## Flood Protection and Hurricane Awareness

### FLOOD PROTECTION TIPS

- **Do not walk through flowing water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Current can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.
- **Don't drive through a flooded area.** More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (FPL) or the City of West Palm Beach Police Department.
- **Have your electricity turned off by FPL.** Some appliances, such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they are unplugged. Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.
- **Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floor are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- **Be alert for gas leaks.** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

## **STORM PREPARATION**

**Hurricane Season runs from June 1st to November 30th of each year. The Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony prepares each year for Tropical Storms and encourages all residents to plan early and stay prepared for a storm.**

### **Make a Plan:**

- How To Prepare - After a major disaster, it is unlikely that emergency response services will be able to immediately respond to everyone's needs, so it's important to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family. Knowing what to do is your best protection AND your responsibility.
- Create a family disaster plan including a communication plan and an Evacuation Plan.
- Designate an Out-of-Area Contact Person
- Designate a Safe Room
- Plan an Escape Route
- Duplicate Important Documents (Also keep copies off-site, either in a safety deposit box or with someone you trust. Documents may include: passport, drivers license, social security card, wills, deeds, financial statements, insurance information, marriage license, prescriptions
- Inventory Valuables
- Create a Pet Plan

*It is now recommended to have 5 to 7 days supply of food and water for each member of your family, including pets. Click on the links below for helpful tips and information:*

## Hurricane Survival

- [Hurricane Plan-Jupiter Inlet Colony](#)
- [Hurricane Survival Guide - Palm Beach County](#)

## Family & Pet Safety

- [Family Communication in an Emergency](#)
- [Food & Pets During a Storm](#)