



HOW TO PREPARE FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Florida's humid, subtropical climate leads to frequent showers and thunderstorms. As a guest in our home, we want you to be prepared for any weather conditions, especially during hurricane season which stretches from June 1 to November 30. We have compiled the following information and resources for you, in the event of severe weather during your stay:

What to do TODAY:

- Make sure you have enough non-perishable food and water to last for a minimum of three days for each member of your household (including your pets), medications, a flashlight, extra batteries, a portable phone charger, and a first aid kit.
- Make sure to keep emergency contact numbers handy, such as local authorities, property management, and medical services – check the refrigerator at your vacation home for important information!
- Sign up for local warning systems.
 - *Davie Alert Center:* <https://www.davie-fl.gov/AlertCenter.aspx>
 - *Hallandale Beach Alert Center:* <https://www.hallandalebeachfl.gov/AlertCenter.aspx>
 - *AlertBroward (Broward County – Hallandale Beach and Davie properties):* <https://www.broward.org/Emergency/Pages/AlertBroward.aspx>
 - *Alert Tampa:* <https://www.tampa.gov/alert-tampa>
 - *HCFL Alert (Hillsborough County – Tampa properties):* <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/hcfl-alert>
 - *Alert Pasco (Pasco County – Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel properties):* <http://egov.pascocountyfl.net/AlertPasco/>
- Know your evacuation zone.
 - *Broward County – Hallandale Beach and Davie properties:* <https://www.broward.org/Hurricane/Documents/EvacuationADA.pdf>
 - *Hillsborough County – Tampa properties:* <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/find-evacuation-information>
 - *Pasco County – Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel properties:* https://maps.floridadisaster.org/county/EVAC_PASCO.pdf
- Find nearby shelters, in the case you have to evacuate.
 - *Broward County – Hallandale Beach and Davie properties:* <https://www.broward.org/Hurricane/pages/shelters.aspx>
 - *Hillsborough County – Tampa properties:* <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/emergency-shelters>
 - *Pasco County Emergency Management – Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel properties:* <https://www.pascocountyfl.net/310/Disaster-Preparedness>

What to do TODAY, continued:

- Watch local TV news channels for weather updates, listen to NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts on the radio, or check your city/county website for the latest updates and emergency instructions.
- Monitor travel information.
 - VISIT FLORIDA: <https://www.visitflorida.com/more/current-travel-safety-information/>

What to do when a hurricane or tropical storm is 24 hours from arriving:

- Bring loose, lightweight objects inside that could become projectiles in high winds (like patio furniture and garbage cans). Also clear any debris like fallen tree branches from your yard.
- Plan how to communicate with family members if you lose power. For example, you can call, text, email or use social media. Remember that during disasters, sending text messages is usually reliable and faster than making phone calls because phone lines are often overloaded.
- If you have a car, make sure it has gas.

What to do when a hurricane or tropical storm is 6-18 hours from arriving:

- Turn on your TV/radio or frequently check the city/county website in order to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately. If you go to a public emergency shelter, follow all local orders and comply with safety requirements.
 - You will need to bring a portable collection of emergency supplies and information with you to the shelter. In addition to food and water, bring medications, changes of clothes, phone chargers, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, other comfort items, important documents, your ID, and cash.
- If you're not in an area that is recommended for evacuation, plan to stay at your vacation rental home and let your loved ones know your location.
- Charge your cell phone now so you will have a full battery in case you lose power.
- Turn your refrigerator or freezer to the coldest setting and open only when necessary. If you lose power, food will last longer.
- Fill your bathtubs with water in case your water supply shuts off.
- If you know that a hurricane threat is immediate, bring your pets inside.

What to do DURING a hurricane or tropical storm:

- Be prepared for the power to go out.
 - If you want to know how many areas are without power or need updates on restoration, click Florida on the map section of <https://poweroutage.us/>, and click on the county where you live (Broward) for its outage report.
- If sheltering at home during high winds, make sure to stay away from windows.
- Stay inside. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

How to stay safe AFTER a hurricane or tropical storm:

- Listen to authorities for information and special instructions. Continue to follow local orders for safety.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Avoid wading in flood water, which can contain dangerous debris. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.
- If you are ill or injured, contact your doctor immediately for guidance. If you have a pre-existing condition, make sure to continue your prescribed treatment.

**If you need assistance, contact Kong Vacation Homes at 866-499-9026 or info@kongmg.com.
Our guests are our top priority, and we want you to stay safe.**