



## ***Hurricane Season is June 1st – November 1st***

Being prepared is crucial for hurricane season, especially in areas like Southwest Florida, which are prone to hurricane impacts.



### **1. Develop a Plan:**

- **Evacuation:** Determine if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone and know your zone designation (A, B, C, D, or E). You can find this information in [FEMA's Flood Map Center](#) or on the [Lee County Emergency Management](#) website. If an evacuation order is issued for your area, you must leave for your safety.
- **Alternative Shelter:** While public shelters are an option, consider staying with friends or family outside the evacuation area or at a hotel. Public shelters offer basic necessities but may not be comfortable and may lack amenities like electricity for extended periods. They also may not accept your pets.

- **Communication Plan:** Establish a communication plan with family members and loved ones, including a designated point of contact if separated.
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## 2. Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit:

- **Food and Water:** Have at least a 7-day supply (ideally 14 days) of non-perishable food and water (1 gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation).
- **Basic Supplies:** Include flashlights, extra batteries, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio (preferably a NOAA weather radio), a first-aid kit, medications, a multi-purpose tool, and personal hygiene items.
- **Important Documents:** Store copies of vital documents like IDs, insurance policies, medical records, and banking information in a waterproof bag.
- **Other Essentials:** Consider including cash, a car charger or power bank for electronics, blankets, clothing, pet supplies (if applicable), maps, and a whistle.

## 3. Prepare Your Home:

- **Secure Windows and Doors:** Install hurricane shutters or cover windows and glass doors with plywood.
- **Inspect Roof and Gutters:** Ensure your roof is in good condition, and clean gutters to prevent water damage.

- **Secure Garage Doors:** If your garage door is not wind-resistant, consider reinforcing it.
- **Bring Outdoor Items Inside:** Secure or tie down patio furniture, grills, and other outdoor items.
- **Flood Prevention:** If you live in a flood-prone area, consider using sandbags and elevating appliances.

#### 4. Stay Informed:

- **Register for Alerts:** Sign up for alerts from the [Lee County Emergency Operations Center](#) and the [Fort Myers Beach Code Red](#) system to receive emergency notifications.
- **Monitor Local Media:** Follow local news and social media outlets for updates and official instructions during a storm.

#### 5. Additional Tips:

- Stay in safe areas away from water and wind during the storm.
- Avoid travel unless you are ordered to evacuate.
- Practice portable generator safety if you use one.
- Use caution after the storm and only return home when officials announce it is safe.

For more detailed information and resources, refer to [Lee County's All Hazards Guide](#) and the [Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#).





If **Fort Myers Beach** has been evacuated and property owners need to re-enter the Island after a storm, Neighborhood Services Rangers and the LCSO will be at the base of the Matanzas Pass Bridge and the Big Carlos Pass Bridge checking re-entry passes. If you do not have a re-entry pass, a Town parking sticker will work as identification and will allow you to re-enter the Island.



If you have questions or need in-person assistance obtaining a re-entry pass after a storm, please go to Target (15880 San Carlos Blvd Ste 101, Fort Myers, FL 33908) with a form of identification and proof of residency (something in addition to your driver's license)

**Town Hall:** (239) 765-0202  
2731 Oak St. Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**FMB Utilities:** 866-578-2705

**Sewage:** (800) 485-0214

**Lee County Sheriff's Office**  
(239) 477-1830

**Fort Myers Beach Fire Department:** (239) 590-4200

**FPL:** 1-888-988-8249  
Report Outage: 1-800-468-8243

*If there is an emergency, please call 911*



#### [NOAA](#)

**FDEM Disaster Supply Kit:** [Disaster Supply Kit Checklist | Florida Disaster](#)

**Lee County:** **Local Mitigation Strategy**

**American Red Cross:** **Flood Preparedness Checklist**

**American Red Cross:** **Hurricane Preparedness Checklist**

**Fort Myers Beach Fire District:** **Emergency Preparedness Guide**

**Town of Fort Myers Beach:** **Emergency Preparedness Plan**