



PLANNING AHEAD FOR HURRICANE SEASON

BEFORE A STORM:

Have a Family Hurricane Plan (ideally before June 1)

Plan in advance where you will stay, how to get there, and what supplies you will take. Consider the needs of infant, youth and elderly family members as well as pets. Involve children in the planning process and encourage them to have their own essentials kit with favorite stuffed animals, toys, games, and books.

Your hurricane/supply kits and non-perishable food and drinks should be in place before an emergency strikes. You may not have electricity or water for weeks at home when you return after an evacuation.

- ❑ Develop an evacuation/transportation plan. Discuss this plan with family members in your household so everyone knows where to go if an evacuation order is issued for Key Biscayne during an emergency.
- ❑ Make prior arrangements with friends or relatives living in a non-evacuation area or check into a hotel located away from the coast on the mainland.
 - ❑ Tell family, neighbors, and service agencies where you would go in an emergency.
 - ❑ Send a list of friends' and neighbors' telephone numbers and copies of important papers to family members in another city.
- ❑ As a last resort, use a public shelter. A list of mainland Miami-Dade County shelter locations for 2012 is available at <http://www.miamidade.gov/oem/evacuation.asp>. Only two pet-friendly shelters are available in Miami-Dade, and pre-registration is highly recommended. Learn more at http://www.miamidade.gov/Hurricane/pet_safety.asp.
- ❑ Miami-Dade County advises that extra planning may be needed for people with special needs and the elderly. Learn more at <http://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/disabilities.asp>.
- ❑ Review your insurance policies to ensure that you are fully covered (homeowner - property/structure AND contents, wind, flood, motor vehicle, boat) as soon as possible. Insurance companies cease issuing policies when tropical systems are present within a risk zone (i.e., within a region near your area).
- ❑ Make an inventory list and take photos of your property and valuables. These may be essential for insurance claims if your property or contents are damaged. Store these items in your waterproof important documents container.

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- ❑ Collect identification (ID cards, driver's licenses or passports with photos, if possible) for you and your family members as well as important documents (titles, deeds, bank papers, mortgage documents, insurance policies, licenses, stocks, bonds, medical records, etc.). Store these photos and other important documents in a waterproof container to take with you if an evacuation order is given.
 - ❑ Take proper identification with you to prove you are a resident or property owner in the Village of Key Biscayne. You will need it re-enter the Village and perhaps to pass through the Rickenbacker Causeway toll booth once residents are advised they may return after a storm event.
 - ❑ If you are eligible to have a 2012 Hurricane Pass, provided by the Key Biscayne Police Department to business owners/representatives and multifamily property managers/representatives, take it with you. More information on these Passes is available at <http://keybiscayne.fl.gov/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=HurricanePassesfor2012&category=Hurricane%20and%20Flood%20Information>.
- ❑ Refill prescriptions and obtain extra supplies of special medications, foods or supplies (diapers, wound care items, etc). Assemble a first aid kit. Make sure you have enough potable water for everyone in the family.
- ❑ Make arrangements with a kennel or friend to care for your pets, or find a pet-friendly hotel. Only two Miami-Dade County shelters will accept pets with prior registration, and space is limited. Learn more at http://www.miamidade.gov/Hurricane/pet_safety.asp.
- ❑ Prepare your home, garden, pool/patio area and vehicles prior to the arrival of a storm. Read up on operating your generator and test it to make sure you know what to do to should a storm threaten
- ❑ Have a plan to secure your moored, docked or trailered boat or check on the security of a boat in dry storage.
- ❑ Practice your Family Disaster Plan.