

# Be Hurricane Ready

## How to Plan for Hurricane Season 2020



# Hurricane Rule of Thumb...

**"RUN FROM THE  
WATER... HIDE  
FROM THE *WIND*"**

# What can we expect?

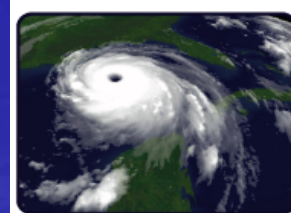
Named Storms	16
Hurricanes	9
Major Hurricanes	3

- They are calling for a 67% chance for above average season.
- Our first named storm may develop in the next few days.



# Get ready for Hurricane Season

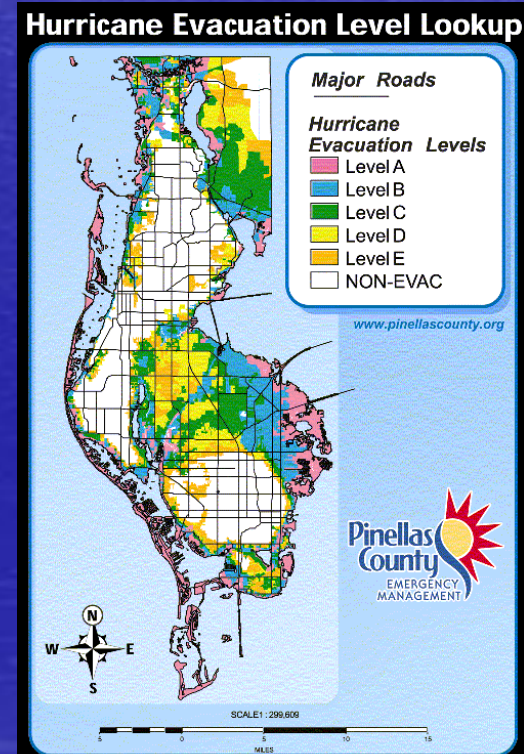
- Know your zone
- Build a survival kit
- Keep in touch
- Stay in the know
- Know your Employers Emergency Plan



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# Know your zone

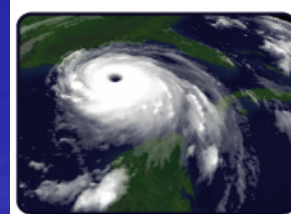
- [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)
- Pinellas County “All Hazards Guide”
- 727-453-3150
- Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice
- Utility Bill
- Front of telephone white pages





# If you have to evacuate

- Find out – TODAY – where you will go
- Can you stay with a friend (host home)?
  - Offer to help them prepare their home
- Bring your survival kit with you
- Keep your car ready - Fuel up



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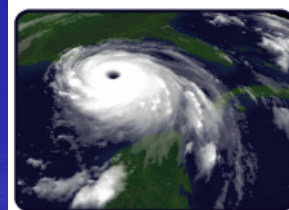
# Build a survival kit

## Gotta Haves...

- Water – One gallon per person per day
- Non-Perishable food for 7 days
- Medications/Rx
- First Aid Kit
- Important Papers
- Flashlight
- Portable Radio & Earphones
- Extra Batteries
- Phone and Charger

## Also consider...

- Infant formula and diapers
- Needs for elderly family members
- Pet needs (food, carrier, leash, rabies tag)
- Activities for Children
- Cash
- Clothing



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# Don't Spend a lot of money

- You might already own most items
- Buy a little bit at a time
- Purchase only what you will use
- Check your supplies
  - Look for expired goods and replace old items with new ones
  - Keep in a central location





# What is Special Needs Evacuation ?

- If you require MINIMAL Medical Assistance
- Electric- Dependant
- Memory impairment
- Transportation assistance
- You MUST Register in Advance Prior to a storm NOT during the storm.
- [www.pinellascounty.org/specialneeds](http://www.pinellascounty.org/specialneeds)
- 727-464-3800

# Special Needs Evacuation

## What to bring:

- Portable Oxygen or Concentrator
- Wheelchair or Walker
- Medicines ( 2 week supply)
- Nebulizer
- Blanket, Pillow, Cot or Air Mattress
- Clothing & Activities
- Special Dietary Items
- Written Medical Orders or Medical Information





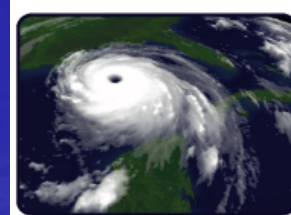
# Other things to consider

- Don't have your own transportation?
  - PSTA can help, bus service is free to shelters when a storm evacuation is declared
- Evacuate when ordered to
  - Prepare during a watch
  - Leave when warned
  - Don't "Wait to see what happens"
  - ALL Mobile Homes MUST Evacuate



# Other things to consider

- Do you rent?
  - What will your landlord do?
- Do you own a condo?
  - What does your HOA want you to do?
- Can you host friends who have to evacuate?
  - Yes but contact them early
  - Make a plan
  - Have a Generator



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# Other things to consider

- Verify you insurance coverage before a Storm is named
- Protect important documents
- Secure your Boat with Extra Lines
- Purchase a Generator and learn how to use it Safely
- DISCUSS Your Plan with Your Family

# Pet Care Needs During Evacuations

- Pets are NOT Allowed in the same shelters as people.
- Make prior arrangements early for pets
- PC Animal Services can Transport pets to the County Animal Shelter ( With Prior Arrangements)
- Call 727-464-3800





# So you don't have to evacuate...

- Keep your home in good repair
  - Check roof, caulk, weather stripping
- Fortify your home
  - Focus on Windows, Doors and Garage Door
  - Use a licensed contractor
- Get your yard in shape
  - Prune trees
  - Pick up loose items
  - Put Away Yard Furniture



# Keep in touch

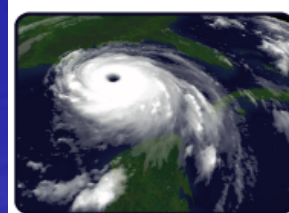
- Build a phone number contact list
  - Updated numbers for friends and relatives
- Who is your family's key point of contact?
  - Do others know this?
- Where will you and your family meet?
- What are work/school/caregiver policies?





# Stay in the know...

- Weather Alert Radios
  - Fast warning from the local weather office
- Local Media (Radio, TV, Newspaper)
- ALERT PINELLAS
  - (888) 689-8905 from a cell phone
- Citizen Information Center (727) 464-4333
- READY PINELLAS app
- [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)



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# Recovery

- Listen to the Media for updates
- Life will be disrupted - Please Be Patient
- Please do not return home until Told
- Please Follow Instructions given by authorities
- Stay clear of fallen power lines
- Help each other





# Recovery

- Report dangerous situations to 911
- Let your family/friends know you are OK
- Text messages work best ( Even 911)
- Know that electrical service will take some time to repair, maybe even weeks
- Follow Debris Removal instructions
- Do Not Bag Up Storm Debris

# For More Information:

- [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)
- Emergency Management (727) 464-3800
- [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)
- [www.flash.org](http://www.flash.org)





We're ALL in This Together, It's the  
Price we pay for Paradise

