

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency Police or Fire-Rescue . . . . .	.911
BSO - Parkland District Non-Emergency. . . . .	.954.753.5050
Coral Springs – Parkland Fire Non-Emergency . . .	.954.344.1800
American Red Cross . . . . .	.954.797.3800
Special Medical Needs Shelter Registration . . . . .	.954.831.3902
	954.831.3940 (TTY)
Federal Emergency Management Agency . . . . .	.800.480.2520
Florida Division of Emergency Management . . . . .	.800.354.3571
Humane Society Pet Hurricane Hotline. . . . .	.954.266.6871
Florida Power and Light. . . . .	.954.797.5000
To Report an Outage. . . . .	.800.468.8243
Bellsouth Repairs . . . . .	.888.757.6500
Broward County Hurricane Hotline . . . . .	.954.831.4000
	954.831.3940
Broward County School District Hotline . . . . .	.754.321.0321
Waste Management . . . . .	.754.223.1099
Parkland Utilities (Private Plant) Water/Sewer . . . . .	.954.753.7906
Parkland Building Dept. (After Resumption of Business)	954.753.5447

Are You Prepared? Hurricane 7-Day Supply List

- Evacuation Plan
- Emergency Communication Plan
- Flashlights
- Extra Batteries
- Portable Radio/TV with Weather Band
- Ice/Ice Coolers
- Gas Grill/Propane Gas for BBQ Grill
- Charcoal Grill/Charcoal/Lighter Fluid
- Sterno
- Matches
- Manual Can Opener
- 1 Gallon of Water Per Person/Per Day
- Comfort Foods (Candy/Gum)
- Ready to Eat Canned Foods
- High Energy/Special Foods
- 2 Week Supply of Medication
- Vitamins
- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Baby Food/Diapers/Wipes

- Personal Hygiene Items
- Toilet Paper/Towelettes
- Soap, Liquid Detergent
- Unscented Household Bleach
- Paper Plates/Disposable Utensils
- Trash Bags
- Safety Box for Valuable Documents
- Cash
- Insurance Papers
- Change of Clothes
- Sturdy Shoes
- Heavy Gloves
- Full Tank of Gas in Each Vehicle
- Charged Cell Phones
- Backup Computer Disks/Drives
- Disposable Camera
- Duct Tape
- Mosquito Repellent
- Entertainment Items
- Pet Foods/Medication

**Broward County Emergency
Hotline: 954-831-4000
FEMA: 1-800-621-FEMA
FPL: 1-800-4-OUTAGE**

Prepare Now for Hurricane Season



CODE RED



EOC and CodeRed

City of Parkland officials will activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Fire Station 109 on Hillsboro Boulevard when necessary. When this happens, residents will see frequent information updates on the City's Facebook page www.facebook.com/copfl. High priority critical safety information may be disseminated via the high-speed telephone alert system CodeRed. It is important for residents to sign-up to receive these telephone alerts. Go to www.cityofparkland.org/codered and sign-up now. It is through the CodeRed phone alerts that the most crucial safety information will be issued.

Are you ready for the next storm? Do you know what your family will do and where you will go when the storm approaches? These are questions you should answer well in advance of a storm—in fact, well in advance of hurricane season which begins June 1st and runs through November 30th.

FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides safety and preparedness information on many emergency and disaster scenarios. For comprehensive information regarding hurricanes, visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes. Here are some basics to help ensure your family's safety even before hurricane season arrives:

Preparedness Tips

- Sign-Up for Alerts. Be sure to follow the City of Parkland at www.facebook.com/copfl and receive e-mail, text, and phone alerts by signing up at www.cityofparkland.org/notifyme. These notifications will ensure you know where to go for supplies in the aftermath of a storm.
- CodeRed Alerts: when you sign up for CodeRed emergency phone alerts you ensure the City of Parkland can reach you with vital information that will help you before, during, and in the aftermath of a storm. Sign up at www.cityofparkland.org/codered.
- Know Where To Go. If ordered to evacuate, know where you will go and the route you will take. Remember Westglades Middle School is a special needs shelter. Make special needs arrangements in advance by calling (954) 831-3902.
- Gather Supplies. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, water, and photo copies of critical information.
- Plan To Lose Power. If you are not ordered to evacuate and you stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies for a minimum of three days in case you lose power. Keep in mind, roads may be blocked due to debris thereby restricting your ability to travel for supplies after the storm.
- Batten the Hatches. Know how you will secure your home's windows and doors well in advance of a storm. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection, but you can also use plywood that is at least 5/8 inch thick and exterior grade. If plywood is your option, it should be purchased and cut-to-fit at the outset of hurricane season.

Prepare Your Home

- Trim trees and branches from around your home before hurricane season. This will reduce the likelihood of debris falling onto your house. Pay particular attention to weak and damaged trees and branches.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged gutters.
- Secure and reinforce your roof, windows, and doors—including garage doors.
- Consider a portable generator in the event of a power outage. Generators are only to be used outside, at least 20 feet from windows and doors, and protected from moisture. Never try to power the house wiring by plugging a generator into a wall outlet.
- Ensure your car is in good working condition including a full tank of gas. You should also have emergency supplies in your car including a change of clothes.

What to do When a Hurricane is Approaching Storm Timeline:

When a Storm is 36 Hours from Arrival

- Access the latest weather updates and emergency instructions from television, radio, and the City of Parkland Facebook page at www.facebook.com/copfl.
- Ensure your emergency preparedness kit is stocked including a flashlight, new batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Plan how to communicate with your family members if you lose power. Consider texting as it is usually reliable and faster than making phone calls due to often overloaded lines. Remember e-mail and social media are other forms of communication, but require charged smart phone and computer batteries.

- Review your evacuation plan with your family—remember you may have to leave quickly.

When a Storm is 18-36 Hours from Arrival

- Bring loose, lightweight objects inside. Things such as patio furniture, recycle bins, and garbage cans will become projectiles in high winds. Anchor objects that are unsafe to bring inside such as propane tanks.
- Ensure trees and branches that could fall on your home have been trimmed, but remember, if the storm is on its way, the trimmed debris must be removed.
- Cover all of your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection, but you can also use 5/8 inch exterior grade or marine plywood that has been previously cut-to-fit.

When a Storm is Six to 18 Hours from Arrival

- Frequently monitor television and/or radio for weather updates and follow the City of Parkland Facebook page at www.facebook.com/copfl closely for updates and instructions.
- Charge cell phones, computers, tablets, and pads in preparation for losing power.

When a Storm is Six Hours from Arrival

- If you are not in an area that is recommended for evacuation, plan to stay where you are and ensure family and friends know where that is.
- Ensure storm shutters are secure, but stay away from windows even when they are secure.

- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and open only when necessary. This will help preserve food longer in the event of a power outage.
- Continue to monitor media and Parkland social media for updates and instructions.

After the Storm Passes

- Monitor instructions from media and the City of Parkland.
- Utilize texting and social media to check on family and friends to ensure their safety and let them know you are safe.
- If you evacuated, or rode out the storm away from your home, do not return home until authorities have made it clear it is safe to do so.
- Be cautious of downed power lines and debris—assume downed power lines are live wires.
- Do not walk or drive through flood waters. Even shallow water can hide downed power lines or debris and water can be electrically charged from underground or submerged power lines.
- Photograph any damage to your property in order to assist in filing an insurance claim.
- Take measures to prevent further damage to your property such as putting a tarp on a damaged roof. Remember insurance may not cover damage that occurs after the storm.

Parkland is Prepared

It is advisable to fill your car with gas prior to a storm and stock up on water and non-perishable food items. Be sure to take these measures, but also know the Chevron station located at 7191 North State Road 7 in Parkland and the Publix super market located at 8095 North University Drive in Parkland are equipped with generators. That does not mean you do not have to prepare, but it does expedite their re-opening in the aftermath of a storm.



American Red Cross

Where to Go if You Cannot Stay Home

The closest American Red Cross-operated Emergency Shelters are:

Lyons Creek Middle School:

4333 Sol Press Boulevard in Coconut Creek.

Coral Glades High School:

2700 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs.

Monarch High School:

5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek.

Westglades Middle School

located at 11000 Holmberg Road in Parkland, while not a Red Cross shelter, is a Broward County special needs shelter. If you require a special needs shelter, ensure you make arrangements in advance—including submitting an application if necessary. Contact Broward County Emergency Management at (954) 831-3902 before hurricane season starts.