

CITY OF BEVIL OAKS

**HELPFUL TIPS FOR
HURRICANE SEASON**

**** PLEASE KEEP IN MIND
THAT HURRICANE SEASON
BEGINS JUNE 1ST ****



Hurricane Forecast for 2024:

- NOAA 2024 hurricane season forecast warns of more storms than ever.
- Near-record warm ocean temps. in the Atlantic Ocean, development of the La Nina conditions in the Pacific, reduced Atlantic trade winds less wind shear, all of which tend to favor tropical storm formation.



Pre-Hurricane

- Make early preparations, begin NOW!
- Know where you are going to evacuate as early as possible.
- Keep tuned to the weather information.
- Prepare your home. Take date stamped pictures of inside and outside of your home as well as valuable items.
- Prepare your family. Do you have medications for being gone two weeks?
- If there is a potential hurricane threat keep your vehicle at minimum $\frac{3}{4}$ fueled.
- Leave early if you plan to evacuate to beat the traffic and minimize the stress.
- Test Generators to make sure they are running properly. Make sure to have extra fuel too.
- Test all flashlights and make sure they have good batteries.
- Reduce freezer food in case of power outage.
- Keep cash on hand.
- Keep phones charged.
- Move items to upper closet shelves, 2nd floor. Secure loose items outside of your home.



Making a To-Go Box

- Get phone #'s for your family and friends that you may not have.
- **Insurance Papers:** Auto, House, Health, Life
- **Birth Certificates, Marriage License, Divorce Papers, etc.**
- **Bank info, loan info, etc.**
- **Vehicle Title, registration, etc.**
- **Social Security info, Retirement info, etc.**
- **ALL credit cards**
- **Pet/Vet records**
- **List of perscriptions**



**Items you may need to bring
with you:**

- Your To-Go Box
- Laptop charger, phone charger, and any other charges for items you have.
- All prescriptions, first aid kit
- Clothes, shoes, personal hygiene items
- Baby formula, baby food, toys, misc. items for children if you have them
- Pet food, snacks, dog waste bags, other misc. items for your pets
- Water, drinks, snacks



Hurricane Making Land-fall

- There is no Mandatory Evacuation, only a Volunteer Evacuation meaning that Emergency personnel will encourage you to leave, however, they can't make you even under a mandatory evacuation.

**If you make the decision to stay, you are on your own meaning there may not be:

- Law enforcement services
- Fire/EMS
- Hospital services
- Utility services (electricity/natural gas)
- Groceries stores
- Fuel (gasoline/diesel)



Post-Hurricane

- Caution when traveling back into the affected damaged area(s).
- Be patient with law enforcement officers who may be directing evacuees.
- Be cautious of downed trees and power lines.
- Be careful of critters/wildlife.
- **Use caution if using a portable generator!! Use only in well-ventilated areas**
- There may be limited resources i.e., fuel, cleaning supplies, food/water etc.



Things you may need post storm:

- Cleaning supplies
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Gloves
- Rubber boots
- Insect Repellant
- Gas for generators
- Chainsaw
- Fuel for chainsaw
- Water
- Non-Perishable foods
- Candles
- Trash bags



START PREPARING NOW!

THE CITY WILL DO TEXTS AND EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS TO KEEP RESIDENTS AS INFORMED AS POSSIBLE!

ALL UPDATES THE CITY GETS, MUST COME FROM THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, SO PLEASE BE PATIENT IN RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS PRE-STORM, DURING A STORM, AND POST STORM! THE CITY WILL DO THEIR BEST AT KEEPING EVERYONE UPDATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

IF THERE IS A STORM, PLEASE STAY IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

