



# 2013 HURRICANE INFORMATION GUIDE

What you need to know to prepare for the hurricane season.

Hurricane season is June 1st through November 30th. It is never too early to begin planning your family and your home for the storm season. We urge you to plan now and be prepared.

**NORTH MIAMI RESIDENTS** can access information specific to the status of city services in the following areas:

- **NoMiTV 77** Available to Comcast cable subscribers only.
- **Access information and updates at** [northmiamifl.gov/hurricane](http://northmiamifl.gov/hurricane)
- **North Miami INFO** 305-891-4636 This is a 24-hour automated message.
- **North Miami Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 305-893-6511**  
During emergency activation, North Miami City Hall becomes an EOC, staffed by essential personnel only.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY** Coordinates area evacuations, the designation of emergency shelters, bus pickup sites, etc.  
**Miami-Dade County Answer Center Dial "311" or 305-468-5900 TDD: 305-468-5402**

For information on Emergency Evacuation Centers, Emergency Evacuation Assistance, (Special Needs), Bus Pick Up Sites and other County services. For specific details, visit [miamidade.gov/hurricane](http://miamidade.gov/hurricane).

## ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

In addition to the resources above, the following numbers may be helpful North Miami residents after the storm.

**If you have a medical emergency, please call 911**

**North Miami EOC..... 305-893-6511**

*Call this number to report localized flooding or other city-related issue while the EOC is activated.*

*Your call will be logged and sent to the correct department for action. If you have difficulty reaching our main number, you may also try these direct lines to report specific issues:*

**North Miami Stormwater Divison ..... 305-895-9871**

*To report flooding in your area.*

**North Miami Streets Division..... 305-895-9878**

*To report downed trees blocking traffic.*

**After-hours City-related emergencies .....(24 hours) 305-953-2854**

*Report city-related issues, such as water main breaks, backflow problems, etc. to the Winson Water Plant at Sunkist Grove.*

**Florida Power & Light ..... 305-442-8770**

*To report downed power lines.*



### WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

A tropical weather system characterized by constant circulation of maximum sustained winds of 74 miles per hour (mph) or higher that is usually accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning, and possibly tornadoes. Sustained winds are continuously blowing at a certain speed (as opposed to wind gusts, which can be higher). Hurricanes are classified into five categories, which range from a category 1 (winds of 74 mph) to category 5 (winds of 155 mph and over.)



### WHAT IS A HURRICANE WATCH?

Hurricane conditions (winds of over 74 mph) are **possible** within the designated area for which the watch is issued within 48 hours. Residents are advised to put their hurricane plan into action and secure your home and hurricane supplies during this time. Gas up motor vehicles and get cash. Stay tuned to local media for advisories on the latest forecast. Local media includes television news media (local ABC, CBS, NBC, or Fox affiliates), news talk radio (such as WIOD 610 AM.)



### WHAT IS A HURRICANE WARNING?

Hurricane conditions (winds over 74 mph) are **expected to impact** somewhere in the designated area. The warning is issued 36 hours before the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

# BEFORE THE STORM

Although every storm threat is different it is important to determine whether you will shelter in-place (at your own home or with a friend or family member) or whether you will evacuate. Make this part of your plan, so that you can secure your home and the items that you need PRIOR to a threat impacting our area:

## Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

Your emergency supply kit should contain 3-14 days supply of the following items:

- Drinking Water- At least 1 gallon daily per person
- Non Perishable Food
- Toiletries Hygiene items/ Moisture Wipes
- First Aid Kit/ Medicines/ Prescription Drugs
- Blankets/ Pillows etc. - Especially if you plan to evacuate to a public shelter
- Clothing- Rain gear, special items for babies and the elderly.
- Flashlights and Batteries
- Radio- Battery operated.  
A NOAA weather radio is also recommended.
- Telephones- A traditional telephone with cord and if possible, a fully charged cell phone with extra battery or a car charger
- Cash- (small bills) and Credit Cards- Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods after the storm
- Extra Keys
- Toys, Books and Games
- Important Documents- In a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag. Suggested documents include: proof of city residence, insurance certificates, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security Cards, identification, birth certificates, etc.
- Tools- keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care
  - Proper identification / immunization records / medications
  - Ample supply of food and water
  - A carrier or cage
  - Muzzle and leash

## Prepare your home

**Have a plan:** Shelter or evacuate? Determine whether you will shelter-in at your home or evacuate.

**Trim Trees:** Do not prune or trim trees during a thunder storm or hurricane watch or warning.

**Trash Pick up:** Regularly scheduled sanitation services will continue (garbage, bulk and recycling pick up service) until winds reach 35 mph. Do not place your garbage out for collection unless it is your regular day of service. No special pick ups will be scheduled prior to a storm. Do not begin any tree pruning or household clean up activities at this time. Secure all loose items in your yard by bringing them indoors or tightly securing them to the ground. It is also possible that regular sanitation service will not resume immediately following the storm, in the event that crews are needed to first clear the streets of debris for emergency vehicles.

**Sand Bag Program:** The North Miami Public Works Department offers free sand bags to North Miami home owners (proof of residency) **once a hurricane watch is issued in our area.** Five sand bags per home may be picked up from the North Miami Motor Pool, 1855 NE 142 Street.

# NEW STORM SURGE ZONES

In 2013, Miami-Dade County has redefined areas that should plan for evacuation. A storm surge planning zone is an area that could potentially be affected by a storm surge of 1.5 feet or higher. Residents may have to evacuate or "shelter-in-place" depending upon the projected track and storm surge. To find out if you live in a storm surge planning zone, enter your address at <http://tinyurl/md-hurricanezone>

**American Red Cross Evacuation Centers:** Miami-Dade County and the American Red Cross will designate public evacuation centers to open based on the storm's strength and projected impact area. If you feel that your home is not safe or if you live in an evacuation zone, plan to evacuate. **A public shelter is a last resort.**

**Emergency Evacuation Bus Pick Up Sites:** Miami-Dade Transit will activate specific bus pick up sites during an emergency evacuation. The pick up site and buses will have signs that read "Emergency Evacuation". More details at [miamidade.gov/hurricane](http://miamidade.gov/hurricane)

**Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program:** Miami-Dade County offers the Emergency Evacuation Program to all residents of the County that have special needs. In order to receive assistance during an emergency, residents must register with the county **PRIOR** to hurricane season. Additional information can be found at [miamidade.gov/fire/evacuation-program.asp](http://miamidade.gov/fire/evacuation-program.asp)