



# **The Faith Center's Hurricane Awareness Guide**



# Hurricane Information

Hurricanes are prevalent in South Florida and are known to cause considerable damage and loss of property and lives. The intent of this brochure is to assist TFC members in being proactive in preparation for a hurricane.

## Preparation is Key

Every member of the community is responsible for preparation, and we should be prepared with supplies, a plan to stay in touch, and information about what to do in an emergency or disaster situation.



## Pre-Hurricane Disaster Supply Kit

- ✓ Fuel for vehicles/generators
- ✓ Cell phone car chargers
- ✓ Food - preferably meals that are ready-to-eat items, with no refrigeration required and little or no water required.
- ✓ Manual can opener and utility knife
- ✓ Water – One (1) gallon per person per day
- ✓ Unscented Bleach
- ✓ First aid kit & medications
- ✓ Toiletries and sanitary supplies
- ✓ Money (cash and coins)
- ✓ Tools

- ✓ Emergency Supplies
- ✓ Flashlights and batteries
- ✓ Battery-powered radios/TV's
- ✓ Clothing and bedding (sleeping mats or sleeping bags)
- ✓ Important family documents
- ✓ Toys for kids

Keep all things together in a duffle or plastic bag/container.

## Hurricane Watch

A ***hurricane watch*** means there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 to 36 hours. A ***watch*** indicates that weather conditions are favorable, but **BE ON GUARD**.

If a ***hurricane watch*** has been issued in your area:

- Review your disaster plan.
- Put your plan into action.
- Lock and secure windows; prepare to cover windows with shutters or plywood.
- Top off vehicles/generators with fuel.
- Stock up on prescription medications.

## Hurricane Warning

A ***hurricane warning*** requires immediate action. It indicates that a weather hazard is imminent and requires that individuals **TAKE ACTION** by taking safety measures and precautions.

## **Evacuation**

**If an evacuation notification has been issued in your area:**

- Notify out-of-town/out-of-state trusted family, friends, and relatives of your plans.
- Turn off the electricity at the main breaker(s).
- Turn off the water main valve(s).
- Leave natural gas turned on.
- Lock and secure the home and evacuate.
- Travel with a Hurricane Disaster supply kit and relocate to the residence of a trusted family member, friend, or designated shelter.

## **During a Storm**

- Stay Indoors.
- Stay Informed – Track weather, forecasts, alerts, and advisories using:
  - Portable Radio/Television
  - Smartphones with Weather Apps
  - Laptops with wireless internet
- Keep pets/kids as calm as possible.
- Keep away from machines such as generators that produce carbon monoxide.
- Run generators outside and away from windows.

## **The Eye of the Storm**

The eye of a hurricane is the calm in the middle of the storm. Stay indoors until notification has been issued confirming that the hurricane has passed.

## Post-Hurricane

After a hurricane, stay informed, be alert, and look or listen out for:

- Boil Water Notices
- Safety Issues
- Downed Power Lines, Debris in Roads
- Food Spoilage
- Flooding Issues
- Carbon Monoxide from Generators

Provided the lines of communication are open, TFC members will receive information regarding the status of a hurricane, service hours, and other vital information.

## Golden Millennium Achievers

The Faith Center Golden Millennium Achievers (GMAs) should update their contact details with our business office. We use that information to check in with our GMAs post-hurricane. See **Special Needs**.



**Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide. CLICK HERE:**

<https://www.broward.org/Hurricane/Documents/HurricanePreparednessGuide.pdf>

## **MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE**

We need current information on all members in our database and will notify them of any services we may have during a storm event. We value member privacy. Members' information will NOT be distributed to any outside parties or agencies.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS**

### **The Faith Center Ministries**

(954) 742-7832

### **Florida Power & Light (FP&L)**

1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243)

[www.FPL.com/storm](http://www.FPL.com/storm)

## **FOR HOME-OWNERS**

### **Department of Financial Services Consumer Services**

(800) 342-2762

[https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/  
Consumers/Storm](https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/Consumers/Storm)

### **American Red Cross**

1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)

TTY: 1-800-462-7585

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

### **Broward County**

(954) 831-3902

(954)-357-5608 (TTY)

Special Needs participants must complete the online application provided.

[www.broward.org/atrisk](http://www.broward.org/atrisk)