

Hurricane Preparedness



Evacuation Map & Routes

Evacuation maps and the "Evacuation Level Lookup" tool on the Pinellas County website can help you find your Storm Surge Flooding evacuation zone: A (purple), B (blue), C (green), D (yellow), E (orange), and Non-Evac (white). Mobile homes are not constructed to withstand hurricane force winds and should be evacuated when those winds threaten.
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/

Citizens Information Centers

Residents can call the Citizens Information Hotline during or after a storm for information about what actions to take during an event.

- City of Clearwater: (727) 562-INFO
- Pinellas County: (727) 464-4333

Public Evacuation Shelters

Hurricane shelters are a last resort. If you have family, friends, or

a hotel to go to out of the area, it would be preferable to living in a hurricane shelter. Emergency shelters will open county-wide when evacuations are issued. Due to shelter safety reassessment, your local shelter may change. Local media will advise when and where shelters are opened. They can also be found on the City of Clearwater's website, www.myclearwater.com or at www.pinellascounty.org. For more shelter information, call the Pinellas County Emergency Management Division at (727) 464-3800. You may also call the American Red Cross at (727) 446-2358 or visit www.redcross.tbc.org.

If someone has a special need, he or she can enroll in Pinellas County's evacuation program. The county maintains a resident registry and arranges for transportation and shelter. Patients are taken to hospitals, nursing homes, special care units, dialysis centers, and public shelters during storms. To register, call (727) 464-3800.

Where To Get Sandbags

Sand is available during a storm (while supplies last) to those who bring and fill their own bags, at the Public Services Complex, 1650 N. Arcturas Ave., Clearwater.

Protecting Your Pets

Residents should not leave pets alone during hurricanes. They should be taken to a host home, pet-friendly hotel, or veterinarian kennel.

Contact Information

City of Clearwater, Emergency Management
112 S. Osceola Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: (727) 562-4045
www.myclearwater.com

Pinellas County, Emergency Management
400 S. Fort Harrison Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: (727) 464-3800
TDD: (727) 464-4431
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/

Important Links

- National Hurricane Center, www.nhc.noaa.gov/
- National Weather Service – Tampa Bay, www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/TampaBayAreaWeather.shtml
- Pinellas County's Hurricane Guide for Boaters, www.pinellascounty.org/Boating_safety/default.htm
- State of Florida, Emergency Management Division, www.floridadisaster.org/
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/

Hurricane Preparation List

- Can opener (non-electric)
- Cash
- Cell phone & charger
- Clothing, pillows, and blankets
- Coolers
- First aid kit, medications, insurance cards
- Food: Two-week supply of non-perishables
- Identification
- Important papers (Homeowner's/property insurance, vehicle titles)
- Paper plates and utensils
- Quiet games
- Radio, flashlight, & batteries
- Small grill, charcoal, & lighter
- Telephone numbers
- Toilet paper, paper towels, towelettes, feminine products
- Vehicle jumper cables
- Water: 2 gallons/day per person for drinking & hygiene, 7 day minimum