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District 21 Newsletter - May 26, 2021

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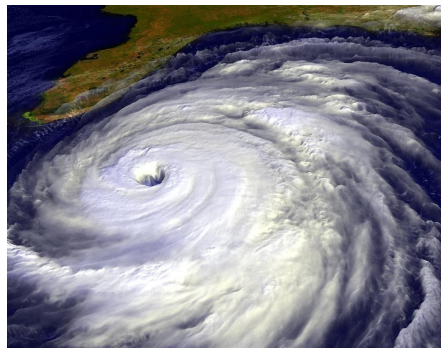


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2021 HURRICANE SEASON: GETTING PREPARED

Weathering storms is a part of every Floridian's life. Each year we are reminded of the potential effects of a hurricane's direct hit on our state. Flooding, power outages, and structural damage may create urgent—and in some cases—life-threatening situations.

As the 2021 Hurricane Season begins, please take a few minutes to review some of the mandatory supplies, procedures for evacuation and information on sheltering in place.



Build a Disaster Preparation Kit

Please see below for common items to add to your disaster kit. Visit mymanatee.org for additional supply suggestions.

- One gallon drinking water per person/day
- Non-perishable food items
- Cash in case of power loss/ no ATM
- Medication, personal toiletries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Identification and important documents
- Food and medication for your pet
- First aid supplies

Sign up for Emergency Alerts

If you were previously signed up for CodeRED in Manatee County, you will no longer receive those alerts. You must sign up for the new [Alert Manatee](#) system. For Hillsborough County, visit the Emergency Management page to sign up for [HCFL Alert](#).

Be Prepared for the Shelter

During hurricane season, many residents utilize their local shelters. While some shelters provide minimal supplies, it is important to note some essential items to bring with you.

Suggested Shelter Supplies:

- Pillows, blankets, air mattresses
- Non-perishable food items and water
- Medication, personal toiletries
- Extra clothing, shoes, socks
- Identification and important documents
- Games or entertainment

Know ahead of time which shelter is closest to you and will accommodate your needs (pet friendly). Visit the [Hillsborough](#) or [Manatee](#) County Emergency Management sites for updates.

For more information on hurricane readiness, evacuation zones, sandbags and other resources, visit [Manatee County Emergency Planning](#).

District 21:

Manatee and a portion of Eastern Hillsborough County

Important Emergency Phone #s:

State Assistance Info Line - (800) 342-3557

American Red Cross/Hills Co - (813) 348-4820

American Red Cross/Manatee - (941) 379-9300

Manatee Emergency Mgmt. - (941) 749-3500

Hillsborough Emergency Mgmt. - (813) 272-6600

FEMA Post-storm - (800) 621-3362 (FEMA)

FDOT Road Conditions - 511

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Shop Tax Free

May 28 - June 6

- ✓ Flashlights & Lanterns - \$40 or less
- ✓ Radios & Batteries - \$50 or less
- ✓ Fuel Tanks - \$50 or less
- ✓ Coolers - \$60 or less
- ✓ Tarps - \$100 or less
- ✓ Generators - \$1000 or less
- ✓ Ground anchor system - \$100 or less
- ✓ Reusable Ice - \$20 or less
- ✓ Portable Power Banks - \$60 or less



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✓ Emergency Kit Checklist +

Use this checklist of items suggested by the **American Red Cross** to put together a hurricane preparedness emergency kit.

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Nonperishable
food items

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Tape

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Emergency
survival
blanket

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Towels

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Rain
poncho

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Water

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First
aid kit

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Flashlight

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Multi tool

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Batteries

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NOAA
weather
radio

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Personal
hygiene
items