All-Hazards Disaster Planning Guide
The official guide for Manatee County

Are you ready?

YOUR NEW HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP INSIDE

Now is the time to prepare!
Know your risk! www.tampabayprepares.org
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If a disaster struck, would you be ready?
Would your family be ready? Would your business be ready?

This guide offers important tips to prepare for a disaster and highlights the extra details to consider for groups of all ages, including people with medical needs and our pets. Follow the checklists in this guide to help in protecting your loved ones, your home, and your business.

Visit our #ManateeReady page for the latest updates on any current emergency situations, including access to our Resident Information Tool, Sandbag Location Map, Evacuation Level Map, and so much more. Receive local updates to your phone. Text #ManateeReady (one word) to 888-777.

Helping you stay ready year-round,
- MANATEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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2. Purchase a policy. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance to go into effect. Do not wait until a storm is threatening to purchase a policy.
3. Insure your property for its reconstruction cost, not its real estate value.
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**Disaster Safety Tips**

### FLOODING

1. Determine your flood risk and purchase flood insurance.
2. Elevate furniture, keep a high ground. Keep away from power lines and electrical appliances.
3. Take any clothing or valuable objects that are not insured.
4. Put your family in a floodproof building or take shelter.

### BLEEDING disorders

5. Use non-slip sandals or shoes to keep your feet warm.
6. Do not sweep or blow yard leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, or dirt outside. Doing so clogs storm drains.

### TORNADOES

- **Tornado Warning**” - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by a weather radar. Take shelter immediately.
- **Tornado Watch** - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert.

### FIRE SAFETY

1. Plan. Have an escape plan ready to use. Take a few minutes to discuss with your family or coworkers what actions will be taken in case of a fire. Consider the use of smoke alarm systems. Help children understand the importance of smoke alarms.
2. Use a weather radio and extra batteries. Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio and/or a battery-powered radio.
3. Mailboxes, mailboxes, mailboxes. Have a plan for mailboxes.
4. Do not sweep or blow yard leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, or soil into the street or stormwater system. Doing so clogs storm drains.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Keep safe distances from hazardous materials.
2. Provide security, keep children and pets away.
3. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
4. Do not sweep or blow yard leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, or soil into the storm drain. Doing so clogs storm drains.

### TERRORISM / VIOLENT CRIME

1. Stay away from high-risk areas.
2. Know the terms used to describe terrorism threats.
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4. Know the terms used to describe natural disaster threats.

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Bracing for the Storm

Disasters can be unavoidable. As the storm approaches, stay tuned to the latest weather updates and local radio and TV stations. NOAA Weather Radio and your local or county’s official sources.

**MORCE HOMES & RVs: **

- Mobile homes and RVs usually aren’t meant for hurricane or tornado shelters. Shut them down and secure them. To prepare, activate your emergency kit now. For residents of mobile homes or RVs, your local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) can assist you with securing your home and making travel plans.

**AT-HOME HEALTHCARE & HOSPITAL PATIENTS:**

- Tell your healthcare facility and employer where you can be reached. Meet with them to develop a plan to ensure that pets remain safe. It is unlikely that they will be able to provide care for pets. Plan to take your pets with you if you need to evacuate. Make arrangements with someone you trust to provide care for your pets in your absence.

**SPECIAL NEEDS EVACUATIONS:**

- If you or someone you know has special needs, make sure they are included in the evacuation plan. They may need special assistance from family, friends, or outside organizations.

**If a storm is approaching, there are two paths to consider.**

**EVACUATE OR STAY?**

1. Do you live in a vulnerable area? Do you have pets? Do you have enough time to safely evacuate?

   - YES: Evacuate immediately. Find a shelter or hotel that allows pets. Be sure to bring all necessary supplies for you and your pets.

   - NO: Stay home. Follow the advice of local officials. Have a backup plan in case you need to evacuate.

2. Have you been ordered by local officials to evacuate?

   - YES: Follow the instructions of local officials. If you are not sure if it is safe to stay, find a shelter or hotel that allows pets. Be sure to bring all necessary supplies for you and your pets.

   - NO: Stay home. Follow the advice of local officials. Have a backup plan in case you need to evacuate.

**Keep Pets Safe**

- Check on your pets and elderly family members regularly. Make sure they have access to food and water.

**Disaster Supplies**

- Make sure you have enough supplies for at least 3-7 days. Special dietary needs or baby food needs may be needed for infants.

- Plan to have enough non-perishable foods to last 3-7 days. Special dietary needs or baby food needs may be needed for infants.

**Emergency Local Information:**

- For more information and updates, visit [Flash.org](http://flash.org) or [MySafeFlorida.org](http://mysafeflorida.org).

**Evacuation Shelters:**

- Shelters will be accepting pets. Check with local shelters to confirm availability.

**Sheltering in Place:**

- Do not stay in a room which does not have shielded walls.

**Recommended Preparation: **

- Gather your Disaster Supply Kit and Household Evacuation Plan.

**If you must stay in place, make sure you can get to your Disaster Supply Kit and your evacuation plan within 30 minutes.**

**Evacuation Items for Children:**

- Make sure you have enough baby food for 3-7 days. Special dietary needs or baby food needs may be needed for infants.

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**Pet Disaster Supplies:**

- Make sure you have enough pet food for 3-7 days. Special dietary needs of your pets may be needed for infants.

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**How to Make Your Home Safer: **

- Be prepared for potential hazards like flooding, storms, or power outages.

- Have a backup plan in case you need to evacuate.

**Please note:**

- This information is subject to change and may be altered. Pets could easily be confused and misplaced. Contact local authorities for the most up-to-date information.
What to Expect After a Storm

After a disaster, you may be without power and many of the services you rely on, including water, sewer, gas, phone, cell phone, businesses, etc. Immediate response may not be possible, so you must prepare to be self-reliant for at least 3-7 days after the storm.

**RE-ENTRY AFTER THE STORM**

1. Be patient. Be prepared for the remainder of your family to be absent or delayed.
2. Keep grills and generators outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
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4. Determine if you will need multiple outlets or multiple types of appliances.
5. Use battery-operated flashlights and lamps. Avoid candles.
6. If your home or business has been flooded, have a qualified contractor remove debris and dry your home or business until search and rescue operations are complete.
7. Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home or business.
8. Obtain information, contact insurance companies, and keep all receipts.
9. Document if you will need multiple outlets or multiple types of appliances.
10. Be aware of snakes, insects, alligators, or animals driven to higher ground by floods.
11. Have a valid picture ID, documents showing proof of ownership/rental, County business tax license, and names of individuals authorized to be given access on a business basis.
12. Contact your natural gas provider from a safe location.
13. Do not burn trash.

**POST-STORM SAFETY**

1. Be very careful when clearing fallen trees.
2. Avoid downed or dangling power lines. Be especially careful when clearing fallen trees.
3. Be aware of snakes, insects, alligators, or animals driven to higher ground by floods.
4. Avoid driving, especially through water.
5. Do not attempt to pump water out of your home without proper safety precautions.
6. Contact your local building department for information on required building permits. Permits are always required for general public (downed wires etc.) and utility workers. Plug corded appliances directly into the generator.
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9. Excess fumes are deadly.
10. Do not forget to check the oil every time you add gas. Keep vents that could allow carbon monoxide (CO) to come indoors.
11. Do not burn trash.
12. Drink plenty of fluids, rest and ask for help when you need it.
13. Use proper safety equipment.

**GENERATORS - TAKE PRECAUTIONS & STORE FUEL SAFELY!**

1. Generators can provide power to your home or business in case of power outages or shortages.
2. Determine the generator or equipment you need to use.
3. Determine if a temporary or permanent generator is required.
4. Determine the appliance or equipment you want to use.
5. Determine if you will need multiple outlets or multiple types of appliances.
6. Fuel must be handled according to local and state regulations and/or recommendations. In addition, use the appropriate safety equipment when handling fuel.
7. Avoid driving, especially through water.
8. Maine Energy Storage requirements of emergency generator systems are more stringent than required for residential systems. Fuel tanks, etc. are dedicated to generator systems.
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**CLEAN-UP & REPAIRS**

1. Know what you have to do and when to do it. Keep a list of tasks and deadlines.
2. Keep emergency supplies ready to respond to any emergency. Be prepared to respond immediately.
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**BEWARE OF CONTRACTOR FRAUD**

1. You are only limited by your imagination to create a scenario that will be realistic and offer a higher profit to the contractor. Be prepared to be creative.
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**STATE OF FLORIDA CONSUMER FRAUD HOTLINE**

1. If you suspect a contractor of potential fraud, contact the State of Florida Consumer Fraud hotline at 1-866-966-7226.
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EVACUATION LEVELS & SHELTERS

County Evacuation Guidelines

Penetralia Storm Surge Heights (in feet)

- Up to 13
  - Disregard and orange areas and all routes/flooded areas
- Up to 18
  - Disregard green areas and yellow areas and all routes/flooded areas
- Up to 23
  - Disregard green areas, yellow, and green areas and all routes/flooded areas
- Up to 28
  - Disregard green areas, yellow, and green areas and all routes/flooded areas
- Areas shown in white are evacuation areas

Evacuation Routes

My Evacuation Level is (fill below):

Shelter-in-Place

- The color coded areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is produced by water pushed inland toward the shore by the force of the winds moving around the storm.
- Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life-threatening situation for anyone who ignores evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. This evacuation level is also used to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur.
- If you are in a mobile home, you are not required to evacuate. However, you should take cover inside the mobile home. The winds around large mobile homes can cause a ‘beach effect’ that can cause mobile homes to over-turn.

Hotel or Motel Evacuation

If you plan to evacuate to a hotel or motel, you will need to check for availability and make your reservation well in advance.

Space in a Public Shelter

Shelter locations do not have generators and offer no services other than a very basic food provision, water, and a limited amount of space per person. It is a public environment with shared conditions, and safety and security of people is less predictable. Pet-Friendly Shelters are an option for people and animals that can’t leave their pets.

Hurricane Threat

- Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation level
- A car to take you to a shelter
- A last resort, leave the area entirely

If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one to use. Make sure you verify that the shelter is open. before you go.

Find your closest shelter on the map.

TAMPA BAY

Importent Contact Information

MANATEE 3-1-1 ( Calls made within the county)
3-1-1 941-792-3300

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
941-792-8811

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER REGISTRY
941-792-3500 x1697

ANIMAL SERVICES
941-792-9393

FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT
800-468-4243

PEACE RIVER ELECTRIC
800-283-3824

SOLID WASTE
941-792-8811

HIGHWAY PATROL
941-792-7467

SHERIFF’S OFFICE
941-792-8811

AMERICAN RED CROSS
941-792-8811

CIVILIAN AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES
941-792-9393

SAVATION ARMY
941-792-5100

UNITED WAY
941-792-1013

SUNOCOAST 2-1-1
2-1-1 is a free service to connect people to life-sustaining services.

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Facebook:
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Manateemanequipment on Twitter

facebook.com/manateecountyemergencymgmt

Twitter: @ManateeReady

Phone: 2-1-1, 941-792-3300

NOAA WEATHER RADIO
FIPS Code 01081

TDD MESSAGES
941-792-5802

Visit mymanatee.org for the latest disaster information

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