



LEAVING COASTAL AREAS

- ✓ Stay tuned to your local radio and television station for emergency broadcasts.
- ✓ Lock your windows and doors.
- ✓ Turn off your electricity, water and gas if officials tell you to do so.
- ✓ Make sure your neighbors have a safe ride.
- ✓ Let friends and relatives know where you are going.
- ✓ Also take irreplaceable items, such as photos or keepsakes.
- ✓ Name and number and properly inventory.
- ✓ Take important papers, including your driver's license, special medical information, insurance policies and your insurance agents' name and number and property inventories.
- ✓ Take your pets. Don't forget their supplies.
- ✓ Take enough supplies for your family.
- ✓ Make sure your destination is not within a zone that has been ordered to evacuate.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

- ✓ Do not travel until you are told it is safe to do so.
- ✓ Monitor your battery-operated radio, NOAA weather radio or TV for the latest advisories and other emergency information.
- ✓ Power is restored.
- ✓ If you have a generator, turn off electrical appliances, such as the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage from surge when it floods.
- ✓ If you flood, turn off your main electrical panel at the main breaker.
- ✓ Wait for official word that the danger is over. Don't be fooled by the storm's calm eye.
- ✓ Find a Safe Room in your home, usually an interior, windowless reinforced room such as a closet or bathroom on the lower floor.
- ✓ During the storm, stay inside and away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- ✓ If you are in a mobile home, stay in the lowest level of the mobile home.
- ✓ Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure you have at least a seven-day supply of non-perishable foods. Don't forget a non-electric can opener.
- ✓ Clean containers including your bath tub for storing water. Plan on three gallons per person, per day for at least seven days for drinking water.
- ✓ Make sure your windows, doors and garage doors are protected.
- ✓ If you live in a sound structure outside the evacuation zone and do not live in a mobile home, stay home and take these precautions:

IF YOU CAN STAY HOME

EVACUATE OR STAY?

Top 10 Things To Do Now

Planning for hurricanes...

THE STORM THREATS, Check your Disaster Supply Kit and obtain any items you need.

1 Make your Family Disaster Plan. It's not hard. Read through Andrew which tailored the communities of Homesitede time will remember the catastrophic winds of Hurricane devastated South Florida in 1992. Floridians living here at the time will remember the communities of Homesitede weaknesses in our disaster response plans and coordination, and Florida City.

2 Florida Legislature instituted an Emergency Management Trust Fund which requires that the State and all 67 counties provide Floridians with one of the country's best emergency management programs.

3 As we learned, it is important that our preparedness plans include the "whole community," which means it takes all aspects of a community (volunteer, faith and community-based organizations, the private sector, and the public including survivors themselves) – not just the government – to effectively prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any disaster. If we are to be more resilient, everyone needs to take responsibility for their family and business preparedness. In addition, we need to engage our children, seniors and those who face accessibility or health challenges.

4 This guide was developed by your county emergency management agency to help you make your family and business plans and direct you to websites where you can get more information or assistance.

5 Inventory your property and possessions on paper and take other important papers in a safe place and send a copy to a relative out of the area.

6 Whether you rent or own your home, review your insurance policies with your agent now.

7 Purchase a battery-powered weather alert radio and a non-electric land-line phone. Even though phone service may not be distributed, cordless phones will not work during power outages.

8 Make sure your street address number is clearly marked on your home.

9 Keep your home in good repair. Taking down loose roofing, trimming trees and keeping gutters clean are good places to start.

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HOPE OR MOTEL

If you plan to go to a hotel or motel, you will need to check for availability in advance. Some hotels/motels have standing reservation programs and some relax their policies in an emergency. Again, make sure your destination is not in an evacuation zone.

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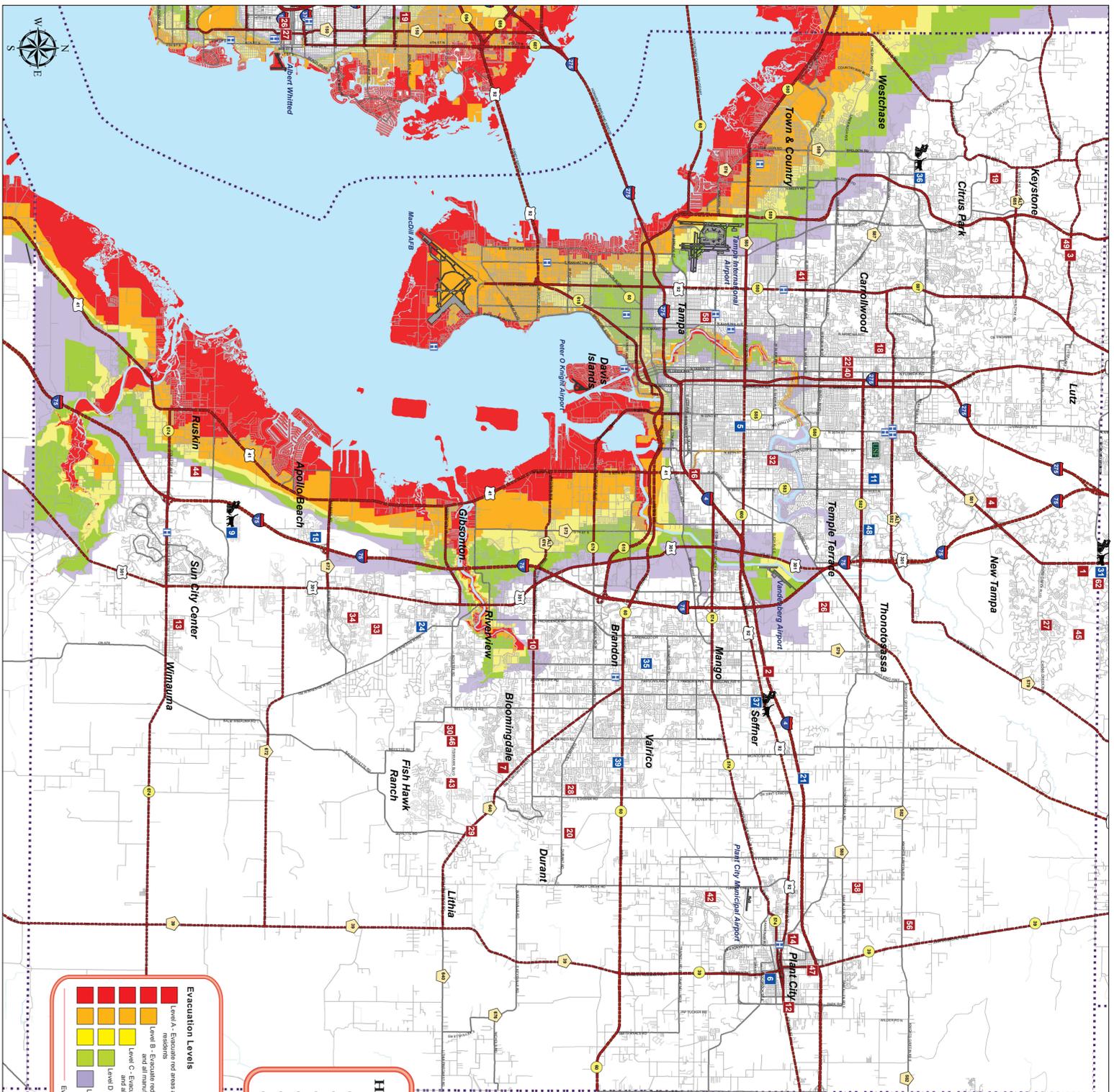
Here are the most important items for your **Disaster Supply Kit**. Stock up today and store in a water-resistant container. Replenish as necessary.

- Two weeks supply of prescription medicines
- Seven day supply of non-perishable/special dietary foods
- Drinking Water(containers - 1 gal/per person/per day (minimum 7 days)
- Flashlights and batteries for each member of the family
- Portable radio and batteries
- First aid book and kit including bandages, antiseptic, tape, compresses, aspirin and aspirin-free pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, and important numbers (i.e. Poison Control Center, Non-Emergency Fire and Rescue, and Non-Emergency Sheriff's Office numbers)
- Mosquito repellent & citronella candles
- Fire extinguisher (small canister, ABC type)
- Instant tire sealer
- Whistle and/or distress flag
- Cooler(s)
- Plastic tarp, screening, tools and nails, etc.
- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine (plain) and iodine)
- Infant necessities (medicine, sterile water, diapers, ready formula, bottles)
- Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant)
- Camera
- Non-electric can opener

AS THE STORM APPROACHES

- ✓ Listen for weather updates on local stations and on NOAA Weather Radio. Don't trust rumors, and stay tuned to the latest information.
- ✓ REMEMBER: Hurricanes can be unpredictable. There is always potential error in the forecast track from the National Hurricane Center. Don't focus on the exact forecasted track, listen to local officials. **DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE!** (For more information go to www.noaa.gov or www.weather.gov, click on Tampa Bay area.)
- ✓ Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Obtain any needed items.
- ✓ Refill prescriptions. Maintain at least a two-week supply during hurricane season.
- ✓ Clear your yard of lawn furniture, potted plants, bicycles, trash cans and other potential airborne missiles. Leave the swimming pool filled and super-chlorinated. Cover the filtration system.
- ✓ Protect your windows and glass doors with plywood or storm shutters. Brace double entry and garage doors at the top and bottom.
- ✓ If there is a chance flooding could threaten your home, move important items such as electronics, antiques and furniture off the floor.
- ✓ Fill your car's gas tank and check oil, water and tires. Gas pumps won't operate without electricity after a storm passes.
- ✓ Secure your boat early. Drawbridges will be closed to boat traffic after an evacuation order is issued.
- ✓ Get cash. Banks and ATMs won't be in operation without electricity and few

Hillsborough County Evacuation Map



SAEPIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE	
CATEGORY	WIND VELOCITY (MPH)
Category 1	74 to 95
Category 2	96 to 110
Category 3	111 to 129
Category 4	130 to 156
Category 5	157 and over

LEGEND	
Evacuation Levels	Potential Storm Tide Heights (FT)
Level A - Evacuate red areas and all manufactured homes residents	To 8'
Level B - Evacuate red and orange areas and all manufactured home residents	To 15'
Level C - Evacuate red, orange and yellow areas and all manufactured home residents	To 21'
Level D - Evacuate yellow, light green and all manufactured homes	To 29'
Level E - Evacuate red, orange, yellow, green areas and all manufactured homes	To 33'
Evacuation Routes	

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHELTER INFORMATION

NO.	SHELTER NAME	ADDRESS
PUBLIC SHELTERS OPENING FOR LOWER INTENSITY STORMS		
5	Madison High School	4801 N. 22nd St.
6	Simmons Center	1202 Grant St., Plant City
9	Shields Middle School	1572 Bent Shields Way, Ruskin
11	Pizzo Elementary School	11770 Bull Run Dr.
15	Dohy Elementary School	6720 Covington Garden Dr., Apollo Beach
19	Hammord Elementary School	8008 N. Mobley Rd., Odessa
21	Stawberry Crest High School	4691 Gallagher Rd., Dover
24	Seawater Elementary School	14525 Ramble Creek Dr., Riverview
31	Barnes Middle School	9020 Imperial Oak Blvd
35	Brandon High School	1101 Victoria St., Brandon
36	Smith Middle School	14303 Citrus Paine Dr., Citrus Park
37	Burnett Middle School	1010 N. Kingsway Rd., Seffner
39	Valrico Elementary School	609 S. Miller Rd., Valrico
44	Lennard High School	2002 Shell Point Rd., Ruskin
48	Greco Middle School	6925 E. Fowler Ave., Temple Terrace
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SHELTERS OPENING FOR HIGHER INTENSITY STORMS		
1	Wharton High School	20150 Bruce B. Downs Blvd
2	Amwood High School	12000 U. S. Hwy. 92, Seffner
3	McKerrick Elementary School	5503 Lutz Lake Park Rd., Lutz
4	Chiles Elementary School	16541 W. Tampa Palms Blvd
7	Cimino Elementary School	4229 Cuddeback Rd., Valrico
10	Symmes Elementary School	6280 Watson Rd., Riverview
12	Marshall Middle School	18 S. Maryland Ave., Plant City
13	Reddick Elementary School	325 West Lake Dr., Wimauma
14	Tomlin Middle School	501 N. Woodrow Wilson St., Plant City
16	Lake Magdalene Elementary School	2716 N. 48th St.
20	Nelson Elementary School	5413 Durant Rd., Dover
21	Adams Middle School	12201 N. Boulevard
26	Jennings Middle School	9325 Governors Run Dr., Seffner
27	Bentley Middle School	10101 Cross Creek Blvd.
28	Mulrennan Middle School	4221 Durant Rd., Valrico
30	Barrington Middle School	5925 Village Center Dr., Lithia
32	Sheehy Elementary School	6402 N. 40th St.
33	Collins Elementary School	12424 Summerfield Blvd., Riverview
34	Summerfield Crossings Elementary School	11050 Fairway Meadows Dr., Riverview
40	Cork Elementary School	3501 N. Cork Rd., Plant City
43	Forest Hills Elementary School	10112 N. Oja Ave.
44	Crestwood Elementary School	7824 N. Manhattan Ave.
45	Wilden Lakes Elementary School	2800 Turkey Creek Rd., Plant City
46	Beris Elementary School	5720 Osprey Ridge Blvd., Lithia
47	Pride Elementary School	10310 Louns Dam Dr.
48	Stowers Elementary School	13915 Barrington Stowers Dr., Lithia
49	Wilson Elementary School	702 English St., Plant City
54	Stendermer High School	5575 Lutz Lake Fern Rd., Lutz
56	Knights Elementary School	4815 N. Keene Rd., Plant City
62	Tampa Bay Boulevard Elementary School	3111 Tampa Bay Blvd.
		9190 Imperial Oak Blvd.

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHELTER INFORMATION

In the event of a community emergency, Hillsborough County has emergency shelters for residents and visitors available as a last resort. Become familiar with the shelter information provided and make sure everyone in your household knows the following shelter facts:

- Shelters are opened on an "as-needed" basis.
- Shelter openings may vary with each emergency.
- Pet-friendly shelters require current vaccination records for dogs and cats.
- Never go to a shelter unless local officials have announced it is open.
- Current shelter information is available from local radio and television stations, the Hillsborough County Infoline at (813) 272-5900. More information is available on the county website, www.hillsboroughcounty.org and click on the hurricane button.

DOG AND CAT FRIENDLY SHELTERS

Hillsborough County offers four dog and cat-friendly shelters, indicated on the shelter list of this guide:

- Provide proof of current license and vaccination.
- Pet must be in an appropriate pet crate.
- Provide all items required for your pet.
- You are responsible for the care of your pet while in the shelter.
- Collabitation of pets and owners is not permitted.

If you are unable to meet these requirements, please make other arrangements to shelter your pet.

SPECIAL NEEDS
Hillsborough County provides a shelter program for individuals with special needs. Special needs shelters will be available for persons requiring more skilled medical care than available in a public shelter but not requiring an acute care facility such as a hospital. If this type of extended care is needed, contact the Hillsborough County Health Department at (813) 307-8063 to be considered for registration into this program.

SHELTER ICONS LEGEND

- Will open for storms of lower intensity.
- In addition to those shelters in blue, these shelters will open for storms of higher intensity.
- Shelters with ADA-accessible restrooms.
- Shelters with this designation are county staffed.
- Shelters with this icon are staffed by the Red Cross.

Shelters are not listed in the order they are opened. Shelters are listed by evacuation zone. For the best opportunity to get to a shelter, please refer to the evacuation map on the map and the evacuation zone map. For a listing of shelters, to include any pet-friendly shelters, which will be opened for an event, Do not go to a shelter until local officials announce that the shelter is open.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

ANIMAL SERVICES	813-744-5680
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	813-272-5600
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	813-272-6900
HIGHWAY PATROL	813-632-6859
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INFOLINE	813-272-5900
TTY	813-301-7173
SOLID WASTE	813-272-5680
SHERIFF	813-247-8000
SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER REGISTRATION	813-307-8063
TECO	813-223-0000
TRANSPOREPORT POWER OUTAGES	877-388-1010
TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION	813-272-5900
AMERICAN RED CROSS	813-348-4820
CATHOLIC CHAIRTIES	813-631-4370
SALVATION ARMY	813-226-0055
CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY	2-1-1
WWW.HILLSBOROUGHCOUNTY.ORG	
CLICK THE HURRICANE BUTTON	
DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 FOR HURRICANE INFORMATION	

USING YOUR COUNTY MAP

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.
2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
3. If you are in an evacuation area, or mobile home/manufactured home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
 - Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zone
 - Hotel/motel (outside the evacuation zone) (make arrangements early)
 - Go to a public shelter
 - As a last resort, leave the area entirely
4. If you are going to a shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

HURRICANE THREAT

- The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is the saltwater flooding that rushes over coastal areas when the eye of a hurricane crosses land.
 - 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 mandatory evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
 - Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on each coastal area's exposure to an evacuation zone and each zone is given a letter designation, A-E. Evacuations will be ordered by zone based upon the projected storm surge.
 - Pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave immediately. Failure to obey a mandatory evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.
- Note: All persons living in mobile home/manufactured homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county.**

NOAA WEATHER RADIO

A NOAA weather radio can provide you with valuable hurricane information as well as vital warning information for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and other hazardous weather conditions. For more information for all types of hazards and post-event information for all types of hazards such as chemical releases and significant matters of public safety.

Hillsborough County Frequency: 162.550 MHz, SAME Code 072507

FLOOD PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

For unincorporated County residents, staff from the Engineering and Construction Services, Hazard Mitigation Program may make a site visit, upon request, to inspect your property for potential flood and stormwater drainage information to address site-specific flooding concerns. This service is provided at no charge. For additional information on flooding, flood insurance, flood zones, retrofitting or elevation certificates, you may contact the Hazard Mitigation Program office at 813-307-4541. Elevation certificates for the areas within unincorporated Hillsborough County may be obtained in writing, Hazard Mitigation Program, Engineering & Construction Services, Public Works, Florida 33601. Residents of municipalities should contact their respective municipal offices regarding their services in this area.

WHAT'S A PDRP?

The purpose of the **Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP)** is to provide the County and cities with county-wide guidance for local decision-making and action during the difficult recovery following a major disaster. The PDRP details actions that need to be taken to speed the recovery process and make our communities more resilient. The PDRP also identifies actions we need to take now before a disaster strikes in order to make sure that happens. To find out more about the PDRP and how you can be involved, go to www.hillsboroughcounty.org and enter Hazard Mitigation in the search box.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

During a hurricane evacuation, area buses run evacuation routes throughout the county to assist those who need transportation to shelters. **Greater Tampa and Town n' Country**, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority runs special evacuation routes in Hillsborough County. For more information, visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org or call the 144-Trip Line at 813-254-4278.

South and East Hillsborough County, Hillsborough County public school buses run evacuation routes in these areas. Route information is available at www.hillsboroughcounty.org and click on the Hurricane button or via the Hillsborough Infoline at 813-272-5900.