



The Abrams Agenda



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Hurricane Season: Preparation is Key

It's been a full decade since a hurricane has struck our area. This 10-year streak of luck tends to create complacency for some people, which is dangerous when living in a hurricane-prone area. That is why I strongly urge everyone to visit the county's [Hurricane Preparedness](#) site, so that you know what to do before, during and after a storm. Remember, supplies sell out fast once a storm has been forecasted, so it's important to do what you can now. Some questions to consider:

- Do you have enough canned goods and water stocked? How much do you need?
- Do you have a plan for your pet? Do you know about the county's pet shelter that requires registration?

- If you have a generator, do you know how to operate it safely?

Remember, it's everybody's responsibility to be prepared in case a storm hits. Government alone cannot begin to handle all of the adverse impacts. Everyone needs to have an evacuation plan in place and make sure their homes are secure.

Don't wait until a hurricane is bearing down to make these important decisions. Together we can make it a safer and less worrisome hurricane season for everyone. If you have questions, or need us to mail you information, please call my office at 561-355-2204 or Palm Beach County Emergency Management at 561-712-6400.



Hurricane trivia

- **The word hurricane is derived from the Taino Native American word, "hurucane," meaning evil spirit of the wind.**
- **A tropical storm is classified as a hurricane once its winds reach 74 miles per hour.**
- **Every second, a large hurricane releases the energy of 10 atomic bombs.**
- **The most violent winds and heaviest rains take place in the eye wall, the ring of clouds and thunderstorms closely surrounding the eye.**

Connect with Emergency Officials Online

Emergency officials will be communicating with residents using [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). You can download the county's free emergency app, [PBC DART](#), which will provide you with vital information such as your storm surge evacuation areas, flood zones, shelter locations, grocery and building supply stores with emergency generators, and gas stations that remain open. The app also lets individuals and businesses send damage reports, in real time, to the Emergency Operations Center, which will enable emergency workers to access and respond to areas needing attention during and after a storm.