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# Sarasota County: Recent hurricane activity reminds us to be prepared

By Edward McCrane

While we were implementing changes and improvements from the Hurricane Irma After Action Report last year, we watched Hurricane Michael pass dangerously close to our coast and devastate several counties in the Florida panhandle.

In less than 72 hours, Michael grew from a weak tropical depression to a 160-mph Category 5 hurricane, pushing as much as 15 feet of storm surge into vulnerable coastal counties.

We do not know what the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season has in store for our coast, but everyone should have a plan and prepare now.

Since we've updated our procedures, we have been working with media partners to ensure all residents are informed and better prepared for the next hurricane. Key changes include implementation of a transportation-dependent plan providing rides to hurricane evacuation centers, opening all centers at the same time and designating all evacuation centers as pet-friendly.

The time for you to prepare for hurricane season is now, not when the first storm is approaching. Your first step for storm preparation and storm information should be to visit Sarasota County's website: [scgov.net/beprepared](http://scgov.net/beprepared).

This updated hurricane preparedness page will provide you links to information about preparations for your family, home, neighborhood and business, public service announcement videos and a digital version of the disaster planning guide.

Guides are also available at the following locations:

- Sarasota County Emergency Operations Center,

6050 Porter Way

• Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd.

• Sarasota County libraries  
If you would like multiple guides for your neighborhood, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 and ask to speak to emergency management.

People who are medically dependent and need assistance during a storm are encouraged to apply to the medical needs program. The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at [scgov.net/beprepared](http://scgov.net/beprepared). The instructions on the medical needs program page will provide a link to the medically dependent person online application.

To request an application be mailed to you, call 941-861-5000. It is important to apply early as paper applications will not be accepted when an expected storm is 120 hours from landfall, and online applications will stop being accepted at 60 hours prior to the expected impact of storm. All registered medically dependent persons must make every effort to bring a caregiver to the designated medically-dependent evacuation center.

Medically dependent persons are permitted to bring a spouse/significant other and dependents with you in addition to your caregiver.

Whether to stay or evacuate for a hurricane depends on which evacuation level you live in and the type of home you reside in. As the hurricane approaches, Sarasota County Emergency Management will issue evacuation orders by level and geographical area depending on the intensity of the storm and the expected height of storm tide and surge. You can also visit the county's website to check if your home

is in an evacuation zone.

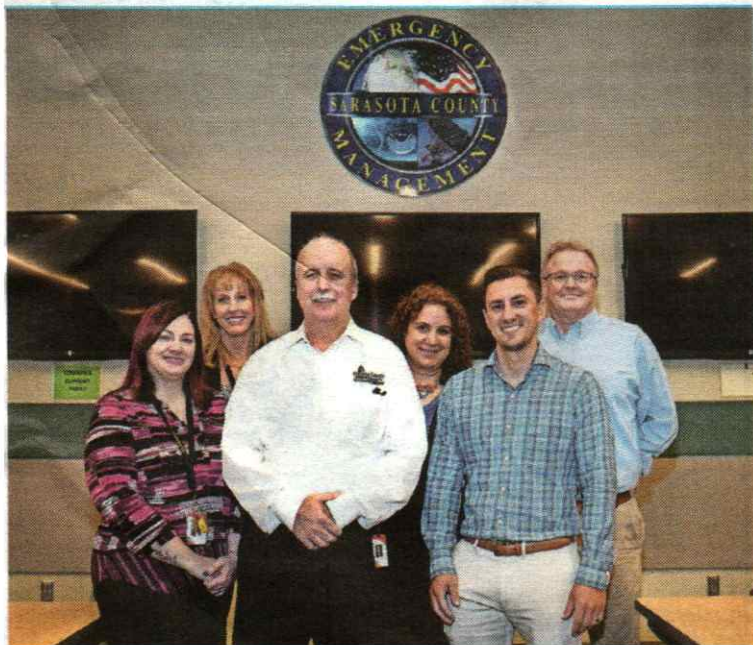
Even if you don't live in an evacuation level, you must evacuate if you live in a mobile home, recreational vehicle or boat located anywhere in the county. Your home may not be safe during a major hurricane if it wasn't constructed to meet the Florida building codes. If you haven't done a wind inspection on your house, or if you don't have storm shutters it may not be safe to stay.

If you do have to evacuate you should first try to stay with friends or family who live in a safe, prepared home outside of the evacuation area. For those who cannot leave the area, emergency management will be coordinating with the Sarasota County School District for the opening of hurricane evacuation centers.

Evacuation centers will be located within schools and will be announced through the media and the county's website. Evacuation centers are considered a last resort and evacuees are expected to bring all their disaster supplies, bedding and comfort items with them.

Pets will be allowed at all evacuation centers; however, owners must ensure that they have the appropriate crate, leash and supplies. Pets must also be current on all vaccinations.

If you don't feel comfortable driving to an evacuation center or if you do not own a vehicle, you can take advantage of the new transportation dependent plan managed by Sarasota County Area Transit. This plan calls for transportation rally points to be established throughout the county where evacuees can be taken to the nearest available hurricane evacuation center by SCAT or Sarasota County School District buses. Baggage is limited to two



**The Sarasota County Emergency Management team:** From left, officers Tammi Canelli and Anne Miller, Chief Ed McCrane, Admin/MDP Coordinator Nicole Double, specialist James Podlucky and Operations Chief Scott Montgomery. [PHOTO PROVIDED / SARASOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT]

carry-on sized bags per person that can be stored under a seat or held in lap.

Pets are allowed; however, they must be in a crate or carrier and you must bring all pet supplies. If you can't get to a rally point, you can register to be picked up at your home by going to the county's website and registering for transportation to hurricane evacuation center.

Evacuees that do not have access to a computer may call the Sarasota County Contact Center for assistance in getting registered. If you will need this service, please register in advance because registrations will cease when landfall is expected within 60 hours.

It is also important to register for the Sarasota County Code Red telephone notification system. The CodeRED system allows you to receive calls, email alerts or text messages in the event of an emergency that could impact your neighborhood or your business. Alerts include water or sewer interruptions, missing person alerts and major traffic

detours, among others.

Weather warning service will automatically notify those registered of tornado, flash flood and severe thunderstorms just minutes after an alert is issued by the National Weather Service.

Code Red Weather Warning is an opt-in only service and is available for free.

Sarasota County Emergency Management will keep residents informed as storms approach and residents can count on us for help after a storm passes. But residents need to be prepared and self-sufficient until we can respond. Being prepared is the best way to make sure your family is ready for any disaster.

Remember, "The First 72 are on you!"

For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit the county's website at [scgov.net/beprepared](http://scgov.net/beprepared) or call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000.

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# Special-needs residents: What you need to know

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Those with special needs must register in advance:

## REGISTER

Sarasota: 941-861-5000  
 Manatee: 941-749-3500, x1667  
 Charlotte: 941-833-4000

## MEETING SPECIAL NEEDS

If you are a senior citizen, have a disability or need special assistance with activities of daily living, you cannot afford to be without a pre-evacuation plan.

Facts: If you decide to stay in your home, be sure to talk with members of your family here and outside the area.

You should also include physicians, home health-care agencies and caregivers in your discussions.

## Other considerations:

- Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends and co-workers who can assist you during a storm or emergency. If possible, make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment.
- Keep specialized items ready, including extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication and food for service animals.
- Keep a list of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you use.
- Make provisions for medications that require refrigeration.
- Learn what to do in case of power outages. Know how to connect and start a backup power supply for your medical equipment.
- Consider getting a medical alert system that will allow you to call for help if you are immobilized.

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# What to take to a hurricane shelter

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## PREPARING TO GO TO A SHELTER

If you must evacuate to a public shelter, keep in mind these are shelters of last resort.

They are usually public schools or buildings and are not usually equipped with medical staff or equipment.

Those with special needs should register with their county for special-needs facilities.

Report only to public shelters designated as being open. Monitor local news outlets, radio and TV broadcasts to find out which shelters are open.

When taking refuge inside a shelter, remember they will not have the comforts of home so be patient and courteous.

## Other considerations:

- Eat before going to a shelter.
- Food may not be available when you arrive and you'll need to bring your own food and water.
- Let family and friends know your whereabouts.
- Register at the check-in area as soon as possible.
- Don't bring pets unless you are going to a pet-friendly shelter.
- Only documented service dogs are allowed in shelters. Their owners must bring pet food, water, newspaper or plastic bags for waste disposal.
- No smoking. If you are a smoker, be aware that smoking will not be allowed inside shelters.
- Firearms, alcohol and nonprescription drugs are not allowed.

## THINGS TO DO


- If possible, volunteer to assist shelter workers
- Do not play your TV, radio or

other electronics without headphones or earbuds

- Limit cell phone discussions to necessary conversations

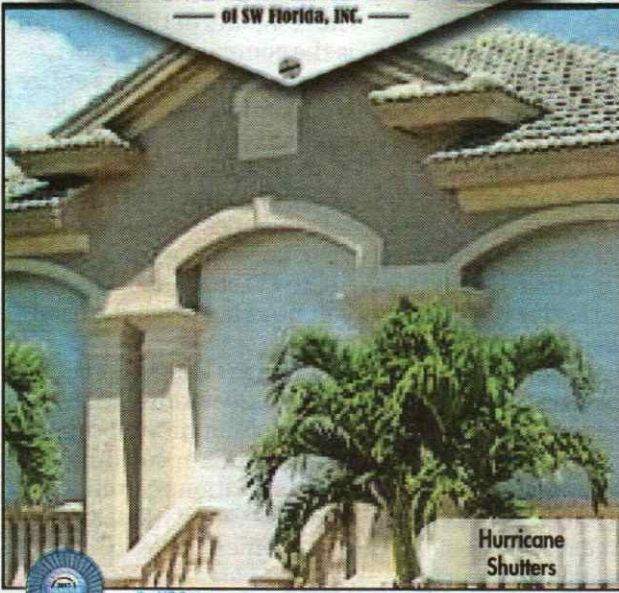
## SHELTER SUPPLY LIST

- Identification, cash and coins
- Bedding (blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, folding cot, air mattress)
- Folding lawn chair, chaise lounge
- Medical supplies and prescription medications (at least a two-week supply, if possible)
- Nonperishable food and snacks
- Bottled water (per person) or other non-alcoholic beverages
- Manual can opener, paper plates and cups, paper towels and plastic eating utensils
- Baby supplies and quiet toys
- Cards, games, reading materials
- Toilet paper, hand sanitizers and other personal hygiene items
- Extra clothing
- Flashlights and battery-operated radio or TV with extra batteries




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# Important phone numbers and contact information

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## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Do NOT call 911 seeking information about the weather, road closures or government or business operations.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

**Sarasota County:** (941-379-9300), 2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota, FL 34232

**Charlotte County:** (941-629-4345), 866 Tamiami Trail, Suite 8, Port Charlotte, FL 33953

**Florida West Coast - Southwest Florida Chapter:** (877-741-1444) redcross.org/fl/sarasota

**American Red Cross national:** (800-RED-CROSS), redcross.org

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### Sarasota County

**Emergency Management:** (941-861-5000), scgov.net TDD or TTY - deaf communications (941-361-1833)

### Manatee County

**Emergency Management:** (941-749-3500),

mymanatee.org

### Charlotte County

**Emergency Management:** (941-833-4000), charlotte-countyfl.com/emergency

### DeSoto County Emergency

**Management:** (863-993-4831), desotobocc.com/departments/emergency\_management

## SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER REGISTRIES

### Sarasota County:

(941-861-5000)

**Manatee County:** (941-749-3500, ext. 7828)

### Charlotte County:

(941-833-4000)

## FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES

**Federal Emergency Management Agency, disaster assistance:** (800-621-3362) fema.gov

FEMA (TTY for hearing-impaired) (800-462-7585)

### Florida Division of Emergency Management:

(850-413-9969); In a declared disaster, call Florida Emergency Information at (800-342-3557);

floridadisaster.com

### Florida Department of

**Elder Affairs:** (850-414-2000); Elder Help Line (800-963-5337) elderaffairs.state.fl.us

Senior Choices of Southwest Florida (239-652-6900 or 866-413-5337) aaaswfl.org

### Elder Help Line in Manatee County:

(941-742-5818)

### Florida Division of

#### Insurance Fraud:

(850-413-3115)

### Florida Department of

**Financial Services:** (877-693-5236) myfloridacfo.com

### FEMA National Flood Insurance Program:

(800-611-6122; TTY 800-427-5593)

### NOAA, National Hurricane

**Center:** nhc.noaa.gov; contact at NHC.Public.Affairs@noaa.gov

### NOAA, National Weather

**Service local:** (813-645-2323) weather.gov

### Small Business

**Administration:** (800-827-5722); Disaster Field Operations Center East (800-659-2955)

# Tips to stay connected before, during and after the storm

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Technology has made it easier than ever to prepare for emergencies, but it can be unreliable during emergency circumstances if you haven't planned to keep your gadgets protected and powered up. Here are some tips to make sure you are tech ready:

## BE INFORMED

Download the FEMA app.

Receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S.

Sign up for FEMA text messages. Use your cell phone's text messaging capability to receive text message updates from FEMA (standard message and data rates apply).

## BASIC COMMANDS TO GET STARTED:

**To sign up to receive preparedness tips:** text

PREPARE to 43362

### To search for open shelters (for disaster survivors):

text SHELTER and a Zip Code to 43362

**List of all keywords you can subscribe to:** text LIST to 43362

**To unsubscribe:** text STOP to 43362

Before a disaster, follow local government on social media to stay up-to-date with official information

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**A boat sits amid debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach on Oct. 11, 2018.** [ASSOCIATED PRESS ARCHIVE / GERALD HERBERT]

boat with water to add weight.

- Once you develop a hurricane plan, do a practice run to make sure it works.

Sources: Barry University, Hurricane Procedures; boatsafe.com

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before, during, and after a disaster. Sign up for Twitter Alerts from trusted government agencies to get notified when critical information goes out. Visit the Alerts setup page of the agency you want to receive notifications from (ex: [twitter.com/fema/alerts](https://twitter.com/fema/alerts)).

### Make a plan

Use text messages, social media and email to connect with friends and family during emergencies.

Mobile networks can become overwhelmed during emergencies, making it difficult to place and receive phone calls. Text messages require less bandwidth, which means they are able to be transmitted more reliably during situations when many people are trying to use their mobile phones at the same time.

Social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter can also be an effective way to update family and friends during emergencies.

Facebook's Safety Check feature allows users to easily post a status update indicating that they are safe during a time of disaster.

Register with American Red Cross' Safe & Well site to let family and friends know you're OK. After registering, you can select a message to let family and friends know you're OK. Concerned family and friends can search this list to find their loved one's first name, last name, an "as of date" and the "safe and well" message.

Have an emergency charging option for your phone and other mobile devices. Smartphones have become a vital tool to receive emergency alerts and warnings, so it's important to make sure you can keep them powered up in an emergency.

Prior to severe weather, make sure that all of your electronic devices are fully charged. If the power goes out, preserve battery power by minimizing device use. Keep a back-up power source on hand to recharge your phone so that you can stay connected even during an extended power outage.

## BEFORE THE STORM

# Disaster kit supplies: What to buy

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## FIRST-AID SUPPLIES

- First-aid kit and manual
- Hand wipes or hand sanitizer
- Antiseptic wipes
- Cold pack
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Cotton balls
- Thermometer
- Sunscreen
- Bandages

## EQUIPMENT, TOOLS & FOOD

- NOAA weather radio, portable battery-powered or hand-cranked radio or television, extra batteries
- Jumper cables for car
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Signal flare
- Matches in a waterproof container (or waterproof matches)
- Shut-off wrench, pliers, shovel and other tools
- Duct tape and scissors
- Plastic sheeting
- Work gloves
- Paper, pen and pencils
- Needles and thread
- Battery-operated alarm clock
- Small canister, ABS-type fire extinguisher
- Water purification tablets in plastic bag
- Paper cups, plates and plastic

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- All-purpose knife
- Manual can opener
- Small cooking stove
- Cans of cooking fuel
- Aluminum foil, plastic wrap
- Resealable plastic bags
- Sugar or artificial sweetener, salt and pepper
- Miscellaneous items: cards, games, books and toys for kids
- Food and water for 3 to 5 days
- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups
- Canned or boxed juice or milk
- Powdered milk
- High-energy foods

## NON-PRESCRIPTION & PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE

- Antibacterial ointment
- Aspirin and non-aspirin pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Vitamins
- Prescription drugs (two-week supply) and copy of prescriptions
- Dentures, cleaning solutions
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses and cleaning solution
- Hearing aid, extra batteries
- Medical support equipment

## CLOTHING & BEDDING

- Several complete changes of

clothes

- Extra pair of sturdy shoes or boots
- Rain gear
- Hat
- Jackets
- Extra socks
- Sunglasses
- Blankets/sleeping bags & pillows
- Folding cot or lawn chair

## SANITATION/HYGIENE SUPPLIES

- Towelettes, body wipes, soap, hand sanitizer
- Washcloths and towels
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Razors, shaving cream
- Lip balm, insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Heavy-duty plastic garbage bags
- Medium-size bucket with lid
- Disinfectant, chlorine bleach
- Feminine supplies
- Toilet paper
- Diapers, disposable and incontinence supplies
- Mirror

## DOCUMENTS & KEYS

- Personal identification
- Cash and coins
- Credit cards
- Extra set of house, car keys

# What to buy: Food, other supplies y

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## ITEMS TO HAVE ON HAND

- Ready-to-eat meats and fish in cans or pouches
- Canned fruits, vegetables
- Canned meals that can be eaten without cooking (stews, chili, canned pasta in sauce with meatballs)
- Canned or boxed juices
- Bottled water
- Staples that don't require refrigeration (salt, sugar, pepper, spices, etc.)
- High-energy foods, such as

raisins and other dried fruits (dried cranberries are a good source of vitamin C)

- Energy bars
- Nuts, trail mix
- Canned food and formula for infants
- Canned nutrition supplements for seniors
- Individually packaged snacks (crackers and peanut butter, chips, cookies)
- Dry cereals
- Canned or boxed milk
- Powdered milk
- Drink mixes

- Soy or rice milk
- Soft drinks in plastic bottles
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Snack crackers
- Graham crackers
- Hand-operated can opener/bottle opener
- Chlorine bleach
- Anti-bacterial detergent for hands and dishes
- Hand sanitizer
- Gloves for dry ice
- Paper plates, cups
- Paper napkins, towels
- Plastic utensils



**A woman stocks up on supplies in preparation for Hurricane Irma in September of 2017.**

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- Birth certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Driver's license
- Social Security cards
- Passports
- Wills, including living wills and advance directives
- Deeds
- Insurance papers (property, health and life)
  - Immunization records and copies of prescriptions
- Name, phone number, address of doctors, pharmacists, caregivers, home health care agencies
- Written instructions regarding your medical care
- A list of models and serial numbers for medical equipment (pacemakers, feeding pumps,

home IV units, Braille or lower vision equipment, etc.)

- Bank and credit card account information
- Stocks and bonds
- Phone numbers and addresses for family, friends

**PET SUPPLIES**

- Extra food (stored in sturdy containers)
- Cleaning supplies
- Pet carrier (labeled)
- Medication, pet first-aid supplies
- Pet medical records/ vaccine records and veterinarian contact information
- Leashes, collars, harnesses and muzzles
- Pet dishes, litter pan, litter and plastic bags
- Toys and blankets
- Proof of ownership

**u may need**

- Resealable plastic bags
- Aluminum foil
- Clothes pins, rubber bands
- Scrub brush
- Tissues
- Moist wipes
- Sharp knife
- Battery-operated lanterns
- Flashlights

**IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU TO HAVE HEATED FOOD**

- Sterno
- Matches
- Charcoal

- Disposable grill
- Small propane canister if you have a gas grill
- Plan early
- Keep an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer.
- Make sure your freezer is at 0 degrees and your refrigerator at 40 degrees.
- Freeze containers of water for ice to help keep food cold.
- Freeze refrigerated items, such as leftovers, milk and fresh meat and poultry, anything that you may not need right away.



# Get tech ready to weath

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Store your important documents such as personal and financial records in a password-protected area in the Cloud or on a secure thumb drive that you can keep readily available. This flash drive can be kept on a key ring so it can be accessed from any computer, anytime, anywhere.

Remember important documents, such as:

- Personal and property insurance.
- Identification: Driver's license/passport (for family members, as well).
- Banking information.

## ON YOUR PHONE OR MOBILE DEVICE

- Keep your contacts updated across all of your channels,

including phone, email and social media. This will make it easy to reach out to the right people quickly to get information and supply updates. Consider creating a group list of your top contacts.

- Learn how to send updates via text and internet from your mobile phone to your contacts and social channels in case voice communications are not available. Text messages and the internet often work even when there is a phone service disruption.
- Keep extra batteries for your phone in a safe place or purchase a solar-powered or hand crank charger. These chargers are good emergency tools to keep your laptop and other small electronics working in the event of a power outage. If you own a car, purchase a car phone charger because you can charge your

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phone if you lose power at your home.

• Program "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone. Let your ICE contacts know that they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or other special needs you may have.

• If you have a traditional land-line (non-broadband or VOIP) phone, keep at least one non-cordless receiver in your home because it may work even if you lose power.

• If you are evacuated and have call-forwarding on your home phone, forward your home phone number to your cell phone number.

• If you do not have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card to



**Whether you stay or go, make sure you save your important documents on a jump drive, external hard drive or in the cloud. Remember you may not have access to the internet immediately after the storm.**

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use if needed during or after a disaster.

• Prepare a family contact sheet. This should include at least one out-of-town contact that may be better able to reach family members in an emergency.

• Have a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio or television available (with spare batteries). When making phone calls and using your smartphone during or after a disaster:

• Keep all phone calls brief. If you need to use a phone, try to

convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family.

• If you are unsuccessful in completing a call using your cell phone, wait 10 seconds before redialing to help reduce network congestion.

• Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using that draw power, unless you need to use the phone.

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# Review insurance coverage for homeowners, renters

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Understanding what is and is not covered in your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy is a necessity. Take time now to learn about the risks you may face and build confidence that you are properly protected.

Read your policy. Talk with your agent. Reviewing your insurance coverage annually is an important step to maintain the level of insurance protection necessary to be able to rebuild your home and replace your personal belongings.

Ask your agent if there are any possible discounts

for performing mitigation measures to your home or business.

## 6 Steps to proper insurance protection

1. Insure your home for its reconstruction cost, not its real estate value.

2. If you rent, you need insurance to protect your belongings.

3. Know your flood risk. Standard homeowner's policies do not cover damage from floods, including storm surge from a hurricane. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance to go into effect. Don't

wait until a storm is threatening.

4. Set aside funds to pay your hurricane deductible, and make sure you understand how it is calculated.

5. Get covered for the costs of building code upgrades.

6. Inventory your home's contents to accurately price coverage and speed the claims process. There is free, secure online home inventory software available from the Insurance Information Institute at [KnowYourStuff.org](http://KnowYourStuff.org).

*SOURCE: Tampa Bay Disaster Planning Guide*

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

# Radio stations and call signals

### NOAA WEATHER RADIO

**FREQ** 162.40 MHz

**FIPS code:** 012115

### AM STATIONS

**620:** WDAE Tampa  
**680:** WGES St. Petersburg (Spanish)  
**770:** WJBX N. Fort Myers  
**820:** WWBA Tampa  
**930:** WLSS Sarasota  
**970:** WFLA Tampa  
**1070:** WKII Port Charlotte  
**1200:** WJUA Fort Myers (Spanish)  
**1220:** WSRQ Sarasota  
**1240:** WFWN Fort Myers  
**1250:** WHNZ Tampa  
**1280:** WTMY Sarasota  
**1300:** WQBN Temple Terrace (Spanish)  
**1320:** WDDV Sarasota  
**1340:** WTAN Clearwater  
**1380:** WWMI St. Petersburg  
**1420:** WBRD Palmetto (Spanish)  
**1450:** WSDV Sarasota



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**1470:** WMGG Largo  
**1480:** WFLN Arcadia  
**1490:** WWPR Bradenton  
**1530:** WENG Englewood  
**1550:** WAMA Tampa (Spanish)  
**1580:** WCCF Punta Gorda

### FM STATIONS

**88.1:** WJIS Sarasota  
**88.5:** WMNF Tampa  
**89.1:** WSMR Sarasota  
**89.7:** WUSF Tampa  
**90.5:** WBVM Tampa  
**91.3:** WSEB Englewood  
**91.5:** WCIE Tampa  
**91.7:** WVIJ Port Charlotte

**92.1:** WCTQ Sarasota  
**92.9:** WIKX Punta Gorda  
**93.3:** WFLZ Tampa  
**94.1:** WLLD St. Petersburg  
**94.9:** WWRM St. Petersburg  
**95.7:** WBTP Tampa  
**96.5:** WSLR-LP Sarasota  
**97.3:** WYFO-FMT Sarasota  
**98.7:** WPBB Tampa/Holme Beach  
**98.9:** WBCG Port Charlotte  
**99.5:** WQYK St. Petersburg  
**100.7:** WMTX Tampa  
**101.5:** WPOI St. Petersburg  
**102.5:** WHPT St. Petersburg  
**103.5:** WFUS Tampa  
**104.3:** WKZM Sarasota  
**104.7:** WRBQ Tampa  
**104.9:** WCVU Charlotte Harbor  
**105.3:** WZSP Zolfo Springs (Spanish)  
**105.9:** WTZB Sarasota  
**106.9:** WSRQ Sarasota  
**107.1:** WCKT Fort Myers  
**107.5:** WENG Englewood  
**107.9:** WSRZ Sarasota

# Sarasota County hurricane evacuation centers

Official information: 941-861-5000  
[www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net)

In the event of a community emergency, Sarasota County has 11 hurricane evacuation centers for residents and visitors available as a last resort.\*

Center openings vary with each emergency. Stay tuned to local media for a listing of open centers. Do not go to a shelter until local officials announce through the media that the shelter is open.

\*Depending on the size and intensity of a hurricane, this list may change. Check for updates by calling the Sarasota County call center, 941-861-5000, or visiting the website at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

**Legend**

Priority

Evacuation zones

A
A B
A B C
A B C D
A B C D E

Category	Wind
Category 1	74 to 95 mph
Category 2	96 to 110 mph
Category 3	111 to 129 mph
Category 4	130 to 156 mph
Category 5	157 mph and over

