A Message from the City Commission

Hurricane season is officially upon us, and the City of North Lauderdale is committed to keeping its citizens more informed, prepared, and protected than ever before. With this guide, and future updates over the next several months, you can make yourself and your family ready in the event of a hurricane. Together, we can all do our part to prepare and make our community stronger, smarter and safer.

How to Get Prepared
FEMA Emergency Preparedness: www.ready.gov
American Red Cross: www.redcross.org
NOAA National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/safety.php
National Flood Insurance Program: www.floodsmart.gov

Where to Call
Police/Fire EMERGENCY 911
Fire Dept. Non-Emergency 954-720-4315
Police Department Non-Emergency 954-722-5800
Broward County Call Center 954 831 4000 / 311

Where to Get Updates
City of North Lauderdale website: www.nlauderdale.org

North Lauderdale Community Notification Program
The City of North Lauderdale is now working with Backboard Connect to keep residents, staff and emergency personnel safe and informed with quick and reliable emergency notifications and public service announcements. This includes warnings and other important information to every home and business before, during, and after hurricanes or other emergencies. By registering with the City of North Lauderdale, you will be alerted to helpful hurricane information or given instructions to evacuate. You can sign up for alerts by visiting nlauderdale.org or by calling 954-597-4701.

Special Needs
• If you have special needs, visit www.broward.org and then search for department ie: vulnerable population, 211/sheltering, and hurricane information
• You can also get a copy of “Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities” from the American Red Cross by visiting www.redcross.org/prepare
Before a Storm
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn refrigerator to its coldest setting and keep the doors closed.
- Avoid using the phone except for serious emergencies (allowing for information and updates to go through).
- Shut off gas valves on appliances.
- Secure windows with plywood or at least with tape to prevent the danger of flying glass due to wind or debris.
- Have working emergency supplies (e.g. fresh batteries).
- Move your care to higher ground; DO NOT leave your car in the street.
- Shut your breaker off.
- Install a gate valve or check valve on your sewer line to keep sewage from backing up into your home.
- Make sure your car has a tank full of gas.
- Secure outdoor objects such as garbage cans, garden tools and lawn furniture.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials.
- Be prepared to leave immediately if ordered.
- Notify neighbors and family members of your evacuation plans.
- If in a high-rise building, be prepared to take shelter on lower floors (hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations).

If You Are Told To Evacuate, Do So Immediately!

Plans for Pets
- With the exception of guide dogs and other certified companion animals, you cannot bring any animals into a public shelter or on public transportation.
- Contact hotels and motels outside your local area to check their policies on accepting pets and if “no pet” policies can be waived in an emergency.
- Ask friends, relatives or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency.
- Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets during a disaster.
- Visit www.redcross.org to learn about the PetSafe Program.

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Be sure to have the following ready:
- Flashlights and battery operated lantern with extra batteries.
- Battery operated radio with extra batteries.
- Cases of water bottles (14 day supply recommended).
- Copies of important documents (insurance, car titles).
- Prescription medicines (extra 2 week supply).
- First aid kit (don’t forget sunscreen & bug spray).
- Fill cars with gas (in case of power outage).
- Cash (in case of power outage).
- Pet food and extra water for pet(s), pet license.
- Non-perishable foods and a can opener (2 weeks supply).
- Extra diapers/wipes and paper supplies such as TP.

If you have to evacuate pack all of the above plus:
- Evacuation backpacks for each family member (clothes, underwear, personal toiletry items).
- Sleeping bags, pillows and blanket for each family member.
- Toys/games/books for kids.
- Boredom busters (that don’t require power).
- Car charger for cell phones.

Extras
- Grill, charcoal and matches.
- Pack documents, medicines and batteries in plastic baggies.
- Freeze baggies of water for extra ice.
**Make A Hurricane Season Emergency Kit!**

**What You Can Do Today**

- Plan your evacuation route
- Learn locations of official Red Cross Shelters
- Purchase or maintain emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators, radios, and cellphones
- Keep trees and shrubbery well-trimmed.
- Plan an alternative location for your boat
- Buy Shutters and or Plywood to protect your home.
- Create a Family Emergency Plan
- Make a Hurricane Emergency Kit
- Review your insurance policy
- Find pet-friendly locations along evacuation routes
- Consider installing hurricane shutters, grants are available by calling Community Development at 954-724-7069
- Learn more about emergency preparedness by visiting “How to Get Prepared” web sites

**Follow ALL Instructions Given By City Officials**

**During a Storm**

- Stay indoors and away from windows
- Close all interior doors
- Keep curtains and blinds closed; any lull in the wind and rain could be the eye of the storm
- Use battery powered flashlights, NOT candles
- Listen to local officials and police officers

**There Are NO Red Cross Shelters in the City of North Lauderdale!**

**After A Storm**

- Return home only when emergency officials tell you it is safe
- If the power is out and it is dark, use flashlights, not candles
- Limit opening the refrigerator or freezer – an unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold enough for at least a couple hours; a freezer that is half full will stay cold up to 24 hours
- If you use sandbags, empty out sandbags on your lawn and keep the empty bags on hand as they can be reused.
- Only enter an area or building after it has been declared safe
- If you come across a barricaded or flooded road, do not attempt to cross
- Stay on firm, dry ground (standing water may be electrically charged from power lines).
- Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until officials say it is safe to do so.
- Keep away from loose power lines and report them immediately to the power company
- Check your house for loose power lines, if your house uses gas, check for leaks, and structural damage
- Take pictures of any damage on your property for insurance purposes
- Never use a generator indoors: deadly levels of carbon monoxide can build up quickly
- If your car was flooded, do not try to start your car, this can cause a fire
- Check your refrigerator for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out
Your Cleanup After The Storm

Separating Your Debris
Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don’t have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

Normal Household Trash
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS
- Leaves (do not put in bags)
- Logs
- Plants
- Tree branches

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS
- Building materials
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS
- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers, dryers
- Water heaters

ELECTRONICS
- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Other devices with a cord

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
- Cleaning supplies
- Batteries
- Lawn chemicals
- Oils
- Oil-based paints
- and stains
- Pesticides

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