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Shoreacres Shorts

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It's Still Hurricane Season – Stay Ready

The most important thing that you can do is to be informed and prepared.

ACTION CHECK LIST:

- Keep your car filled with gas.
- Keep sufficient cash for travel needs, ATMs may not function during an evacuation.
- Minimize the distance you must travel to reach a safe location; the further you drive the higher the likelihood of encountering traffic congestion and other problems on the roadways.
- Select your evacuation destination and map out your route. Do not get on the road without a planned route and place to go. Use the evacuation routes designated by authorities and become familiar with your route before an evacuation order is issued.
- Choose the home of the closest friend or relative outside a designated evacuation zone and discuss your plan with them before departing. You may also choose a hotel/motel outside of the vulnerable area. If neither of these options is available, consider the closest possible public shelter. There will be no public shelters open in Shoreacres.

- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Contact City Hall to register or get information regarding anyone in your household whom may require special assistance in order to evacuate.
- Prepare a separate pet plan, most public shelters do not accept pets.
- Prepare your home prior to leaving by boarding up doors and windows, securing or moving indoors all yard objects, and turning off all utilities.
- Take all prescription medicines and special medical items, such as glasses and diapers.
- If your family evacuation plan includes an RV, boat or trailer, leave early. Do not wait until the evacuation order or exodus is well underway to start your trip.
- If you are ordered to evacuate by state or local officials, do so as quickly as possible. Do not wait or delay your departure, to do so will only increase your chances of being stuck in traffic, or even worse, not being able to get out at all.
- Expect traffic congestion and delays during evacuations. Expect and plan for significantly longer travel times than normal to reach your family's intended destination.
- Pack your vehicle with at least 3 gallons of water per person and enough non-perishable food for three days.
- Stay tuned to a local radio or television station and listen carefully for any advisories or specific instructions from local officials. Monitor your NOAA Weather Radio.