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Severe Weather Plans Can Keep You and Your Family Safe

The City of Sunrise is StormReady. Are you?

As a StormReady community, the City of Sunrise was certified by the National Weather Service as meeting the preparedness criteria by having a formal hazardous weather plan in place.

Living in South Florida, our tropical climate can lead to severe weather year-round, from traditional summer thunderstorms to hurricanes. Some storms can be predicted, but others such as tornadoes and floods may occur with little or no warning.

In a disaster, city officials and relief workers may not be able to reach everyone immediately. You need to be prepared ahead of time because you won't have time to shop or search for the supplies you will need when a disaster strikes.

With hurricane season just around the corner, beginning on June 1, there is no better time than now to put your own emergency plan in place. Your emergency preparedness plan should include precautions for protecting your home in the event of a hurricane as well as protecting yourself and loved ones.

It is recommended to have non-perishable food and water on hand to last at least 3 to 5 days after a storm for each person (and pet) in your household. Here are some other basic safety preparedness tips:

- Discuss what to do in an evacuation. When told by officials, go immediately to a shelter as instructed or to the home of a family friend or relative who lives out of the area. Find out about your local shelters beforehand.
- Know evacuation routes. Pre-establish several different routes in case certain roads are blocked or closed.
- Family members can become separated during an emergency. Be prepared by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or family friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Quiz children every six months so they remember what to do, where to go, and whom to call in an emergency.
- Decide how to take care of pets. Pets are not allowed in places where food is served - so you will need to have a place to take your pets if you have to go to a shelter.
- Post emergency phone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) by the phone.
- Assemble a [family disaster supplies kit](#), and keep a smaller one in the trunk of your vehicle.

For more information, please visit the Hurricane Preparedness page on the City of Sunrise website, www.sunrisefl.gov. For on-going safety information, 'Like' us on Facebook at Sunrise Fire-Rescue and follow us on Twitter@SunriseFRD.

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