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Stay Ahead of the Storm

With the start of hurricane season on June 1st rapidly approaching, **now is the time to plan and prepare.** Include the following steps to protect your home before the storm starts:

- Discuss and plan with your family where you will go, if an evacuation is necessary. Be sure to consider any family members with special needs, and the care of pets in your home.
- Inform family and friends of your plan, and establish an out-of-area contact who can relay family members' locations and information, should you become separated.
- Make sure children know the emergency plans and family contact information.
- Determine your family's food, water and medical needs for a 3-5 day period, and assemble your hurricane kit according to those needs. A list can be found at www.broward.org/hurricane.
- Secure your home now. Ensure that it is in good repair and up to hurricane code specifications, well-before the first storm is announced and a rush on supplies and services ensues. Note that the garage door is the most vulnerable part of the home, so it must be able to withstand the winds. Obtain any needed plywood or panels to board up the windows and doors. For steps on how-to, visit www.flash.org.
- Inventory your home possessions and videotape, record or photograph items of value. Call your insurance company to make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or replace your home, car, and boat. Also note that standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. Keep these records in a secure, waterproof place.
- Stay informed. To receive Sunrise-specific emergency notifications on your phone, [register for CodeRED](http://www.sunrisefl.gov) at www.sunrisefl.gov. Additional resources can also be found on the City website's [Emergency Management and Hurricane Preparedness page](#).

And while there may not always be a hurricane on the horizon, there will still be many typical rainstorms. The resulting wet conditions allow for an unwanted abundance of mosquitoes. You can help prevent the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses, such as the Zika Virus, by taking some basic precautions:

- Eliminate standing water in and around your homes.
- Keep mosquitoes out of the home by making sure your window and door screens are in good repair.
- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent during outdoor activity.
- Avoid being outside from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

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

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