

# HURRICANE

## Are You Ready?



**Hurricane Season:  
June 1 – Nov 30**

**The City of Oviedo  
Fire Rescue and  
Emergency Management  
Encourages You To Be Better  
Prepared For Hurricane Season By  
Creating A Family Hurricane Plan.**

**This Informational Outline Will  
Assist You In Creating A Family  
Hurricane Plan.**

**For more information contact our  
office at 407-971-5611.**

**Visit Web Sites: National Hurricane Center,  
Federal Emergency Management Admin, Florida  
Division of Emergency Management, Seminole  
County Emergency Management,  
City of Oviedo Emergency Management**

### **WHAT IS A HURRICANE?**

Hurricanes begin as a **tropical depression** with maximum sustained winds of **39 mph**. They develop into a **tropical storm** with winds reaching from **39 to 73 mph**. The storm is declared a **hurricane** once it reaches sustained winds of at least **74 mph**. Lightning, flooding, hail & tornados are also typical components during a hurricane. Hurricanes are categorized by sustained wind speed which determines their strength and potential destruction.

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>74 to 95 mph</b>
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>96 to 110 mph</b>
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>111 to 130 mph</b>
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>131 to 155 mph</b>
<b>Category 5</b>	<b>Over 155 mph</b>

### **BEFORE THE STORM**

Listen for weather updates. Assist family & neighbors with preparations. Make arrangements for pets if you plan to evacuate. Purchase supplies using checklist. Take care of medical needs. Install storm protection on exterior of home. Secure all exterior objects to prevent flying debris. Special needs persons should consider staying with family, friends or moving to a special needs shelter.

### **DURING THE STORM**

Listen for weather updates. Relocate to secure area of your home such as bathroom or hallway. Remain indoors. Do not attempt repairs to your home during the storm. Evacuation at this point is normally not possible.

### **AFTER THE STORM**

Listen for weather updates & special emergency management information. Avoid going outside until emergency personnel can survey the area for hazards such as down power lines & dangerous leaning or falling trees. Stay off roads. Comply with curfew restrictions. Document damage to your home & property. Begin repairs if safely possible. Assist family & neighbors. Contact your insurance provider. Avoid unnecessary phone calls to emergency management. Public safety personnel are surveying & performing emergency operations throughout the community. Utility restoration is a priority goal of officials. Debris cleanup will begin with opening roadways.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Should I worry about protecting my home?**

**Answer:** It is recommended that you consider installing window protection & secure all exterior objects.

### **Will my house flood?**

**Answer:** Most homes are safe from flooding. If you have experienced localized flooding during normal rain fall, you should install sand bag protection. If you reside in a flood prone area you should install sand bags.

### **What about my insurance policy?**

**Answer:** You need to discuss your home policy with your agent prior to hurricane season. Changes in your policy are not possible as a storm is approaching. It is best to have a home inventory with photos & video in case you sustain a loss.

### **Should I evacuate?**

**Answer:** Generally, evacuation for inland communities is not necessary. Mobile home residents and those in older homes should seek better accommodations. Consider staying with family, friends or at a shelter. If you elect to evacuate, it is best to do so several days prior to the storm.

### **Where are the shelter locations?**

**Answer:** Shelters are opened as the need grows. Announcements will be made on local media outlets for shelter locations.

### **I am disabled and have special needs. What can I do?**

**Answer:** You can register with your local emergency management office who will contact you prior to a storm. Normally, a special needs shelter is opened, however, you may wish to make prior arrangements with family.

### **When will power & other utilities be restored?**

**Answer:** Utility restoration is priority. Clearing roads, eliminating safety hazards such as down power lines are first priority as well as conducting search & rescue within collapsed buildings.

### **When can I begin to travel on the roads?**

**Answer:** Please wait for public safety officials to permit road travel. Roads must be cleared & all safety hazards secured.

### **When can I expect disaster relief?**

**Answer:** It is best to be prepared to take care of your family with a 7 day supply of food, water, etc. It may take several days to mobilize local, state, and federal relief supplies. Priority is given to the hardest hit areas first throughout the state.

### **What if a tree falls on my home?**

**Answer:** Contact your insurance carrier immediately. Your local government is not allowed to remove trees on private property. A tree company may be your safest choice. Save all receipts for any work.

### **When do I call 911?**

**Answer:** Life threatening emergencies. Includes fires, injuries, gas leaks, accidents, collapsed buildings, power lines down, etc.

### **How can I track an approaching hurricane?**

**Answer:** Stay tuned to local media via TV, internet, & radio. Pay attention to emergency management public releases.

## **HURRICANE CHECKLIST**

### **FOOD/DRINK/REHAB**

Drinking water (1 gal. per day per person, 7 day supply)  
Non-alcoholic beverages  
Canned food & dried foods  
Snacks, fruit, snack bars  
Peanut butter & jelly  
Cereal  
Special dietary foods  
Baby food, formula  
Ice  
Pet food

### **PERSONAL PRODUCTS**

Medications for 2 week supply  
First aid kit  
Baby diapers  
Bar soap & shampoo  
Personal products & toiletries  
Paper towels & paper plates  
Plastic eating utensils  
Mosquito repellent

### **HOME PRODUCTS**

Insurance & other information  
Cash  
Manual can opener  
Non-battery dependent telephone  
Weather alert radio  
Portable cooking (gas grill)  
Full gas grill tank or charcoal  
AM-FM battery portable radio  
Flashlights  
Batteries (Extras)  
Matches  
Fire extinguisher  
Sleeping bag, blankets  
Portable cooler

### **EXTERIOR HOME PRODUCTS**

Storm boards for windows  
Generator  
Gas powered chain saw  
Fuel for car, generator, chain saw  
Plastic rolls /tarps to patch roof  
Nails, wood, hammer  
Tools  
Duct tape  
Rope