



PINECREST

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS RESOURCE GUIDE

BE READY. BE SAFE. BE KIND.



A MESSAGE TO ALL **VILLAGE OF PINECREST RESIDENTS**

Dear Residents,

Preparing is a must-do as we enter what is forecasted to be an extremely active hurricane season. Taking proactive steps to safeguard homes, families, and the community is key to resiliency after a storm.

The Village of Pinecrest is designated as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. This partnership with NOAA enhances our ability to prepare for and respond to climate, water, and extreme weather events. Through this collaboration, we aim to strengthen our community's resilience against the impacts of severe weather, ensuring that we are well-equipped to face the challenges of hurricane seasons, from June 1 - November 30.

The Village created this valuable resource guide with comprehensive information, including how to create an emergency supply kit and protect your home. Additionally, the guide is a good reminder to review insurance policies, store important documents safely, and sign up for local alerts and updates.

Subscribe to Pinecrest's email alerts at pinecrest-fl.gov/enews, download the MyPinecrest app to report debris and obstructed roads, monitor the Village's website and local news, and utilize resources such as the Ready Miami-Dade Hurricane App. Enhance our community's safety and resilience by staying informed.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph M. Corradino

WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

A tropical cyclone is a rotating low-pressure weather system with organized thunderstorms but no fronts. Tropical cyclones with maximum sustained surface winds of less than 39 mph are called tropical depressions. Those with maximum sustained winds of 39 mph or higher are called tropical storms.

When a storm's maximum sustained winds reach 74 mph, it is called a hurricane. The higher the storm's sustained winds, the greater the hurricane's potential for property damage. Hurricanes originate in the Atlantic basin, which includes the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico, the eastern North Pacific Ocean, and, less frequently, the central North Pacific Ocean.

According to the NOAA's 2024 Atlantic hurricane season forecast, there will be 17 to 25 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 8 to 13 are likely to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5 with winds of 111 mph or higher).

This is the highest number of storms NOAA has ever predicted in a preseason outlook, surpassing the previous record of 14 to 23 named storms predicted in 2010. The forecast gives an 85% chance of an above-average hurricane season in the Atlantic basin.

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74 - 95 MPH

Well-constructed frame homes may have roof, shingles, siding and gutter damage. Large branches will snap, and shallow-rooted trees may topple. Extensive damage to overhead power lines is likely, resulting in outages lasting several days.

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95 - 110 MPH

Well-constructed frame homes could have major roof and siding damage. Many shallow-rooted trees will snap or uproot, blocking roads. Near-total power loss expected, with outages lasting several days to weeks.

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111 - 129 MPH

Well-built frame homes may suffer major roof damage or loss of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees may snap or uproot, blocking roads. Electricity and water may be unavailable for several days to weeks.

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130 - 156 MPH

Well-built frame homes can sustain severe damage, losing most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will snap or uproot, and overhead power lines may fall, isolating areas. Power outages could last weeks to months. Most areas could be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

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157+ MPH

A high percentage of framed homes could be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate areas. Power outages could last weeks to months. Most areas could be uninhabitable for weeks or months.



HURRICANE WATCH VS. WARNING

A HURRICANE WATCH means that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. A hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds in an area and is not the ideal time to start preparations.

HURRICANE WARNINGS indicate that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area.

Please make a hurricane plan now, so that if or when Pinecrest is under a hurricane warning, preparation is easy. Hurricane warnings are issued when winds reach tropical storm force (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds. Preparing at this time is much more difficult because of weather, supply shortages, and long lines. Save yourself the stress and prepare today.



HEAVY RAINS

Heavy rains associated with hurricanes occur quickly due to the intense rainfall. Areas inland can also experience significant flooding. Be prepared to move to higher ground if necessary, and avoid driving through flooded roads.



STORM SURGE

Storm surge is a dangerous and often deadly result of hurricanes. It is the abnormal rise of water generated by a storm. This surge can cause extreme flooding in coastal areas and cause significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. Evacuate immediately if storm surge warnings are issued. Storm surges during hurricanes in Florida can reach catastrophic heights, often exceeding 20 feet above normal water levels.



TORNADOES

Tornado activity comes with storms and hurricanes, which add to the storm's potential for damage. These tornadoes can occur in the storm's rain bands and can cause significant damage to structures and trees. Stay informed through local weather updates, and seek shelter in an interior room away from windows if a tornado warning is issued.



MAKE A PLAN

GET STARTED EARLY: Gather supplies well before a storm is forecasted. One good way of storing supplies is having one or two large bins labeled hurricane that you can fill year-round or starting today.

DEVELOP A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN: Establish safe meeting locations within and outside your neighborhood. Identify and mark evacuation routes from your home to your safe locations.

MAKE A LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS: Include family, friends, and local emergency services (provided at the back of this brochure). Make sure all family members have access to them.

PROTECT YOUR HOME: Whether you have impact windows or accordion shutters or have to install shutters before a storm, know where everything you need is located and that it is in working order. Special keys lock accordion shutters and there are specific screws needed to install shutters before a storm. Know where they are. Also, make sure the accordion shutters close and open easily. You may need to buy a special lubricant.

YARD SAFETY: Do not trim trees during a hurricane watch or warning. The Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department does not pick up bulky trash during warnings or watches. The time to trim your trees and shrubs to reduce the risk of branches becoming projectiles is now. Bring in or tie down outdoor furniture and trash cans if a warning or watch is issued.

REVIEW INSURANCE POLICIES: Check that your insurance policy covers hurricane and flood damage. Document your home and belongings with photos or videos for insurance claims.

STORE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS: Keep physical documents like passports, birth certificates, and insurance policies in waterproof containers. Maintain secure digital backups on a cloud server.

PLAN FOR SPECIAL NEEDS: Make special arrangements for elderly family members, disabled individuals, and pets. Ensure you have the necessary medical supplies and equipment for all three. Pinecrest residents can call the police department for help at 305.234.2100. The department also provides free watch orders. You can ask for a watch order at [pinecrest-fl.gov/watchorder](https://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/watchorder).

SAFETY KIT ESSENTIALS

IF YOU HAVE A KIT,
MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IN IT IS IN WORKING AND NOT EXPIRED.

- 7-day supply of non-perishable foods
- 7-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day, including pets)
- A manual can opener
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Disinfectant wipes, moist towelettes, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as masks and gloves
- Thermometer with batteries, if needed
- Matches in waterproof carrier
- Whistle
- Cash
- Prescription medications, eyeglasses, contact lens solution and hearing aid
- Batteries
- Formula, baby food, diapers and pacifiers
- Pet carriers, leashes, shot records, and food for each animal evacuating with you
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunscreen (50 SPF recommended)
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils
- Extra clothing and sleeping bags

ARE YOU IN A FLOOD ZONE?



Check if your home is in a storm surge flood zone to understand your risk level:

ZONE A: At greatest risk for storm surge from Cat 1 and higher storms

ZONE B: At greatest risk for storm surge from Cat 2 and higher storms.

ZONE C: At greatest risk for storm surge from Cat 3 and higher storms.

ZONE D: At greatest risk for storm surge from Cat 4 and higher storms.

EVACUATION PLANS



EVACUATING TO A SHELTER

Miami-Dade County offers hurricane evacuation shelters countywide for the general population, designed to withstand hurricane-force winds. These shelters are a last resort if you cannot stay with relatives, friends, or co-workers. Identify the nearest shelters and their opening times, and pre-register if possible, especially if you have special needs.

Bring essential items such as IDs, medical records, special diet foods, snacks, bedding, comfortable clothing, baby supplies, and toiletries. Monitor the county's website and local media for shelter openings and locations. Shelters may provide simple meals and basic first aid but will not offer medical care. Note that smoking, alcohol, firearms, and pets (unless it is a pet-friendly shelter) are prohibited.

ELDERLY & DISABLED EVACUEES

To ensure the safety and comfort of those who are elderly, disabled, or have special medical needs, Miami-Dade County offers an Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP). Register online at miamidade.gov/global/emergency/hurricane. Residents can also call the police department at **305.234.2100** for assistance.

IF YOU SHELTER IN PLACE

- Stay indoors and away from windows and doors.
- Have an emergency kit with supplies for seven days, including water, food and medications.
- Fill up the gas tank in your car.
- Ensure you have sufficient cash on hand.
- Use a battery-powered radio
- Keep a flashlight handy and avoid using candles to reduce fire risk.
- Ensure you have a safe room, preferably an interior room without windows, where you can stay during the worst of the storm.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

- Know your evacuation routes
- Take your emergency kit with you
- Secure your home by installing storm shutters, securing outdoor furniture, unplugging electronics
- Inform family or friends of your evacuation plans and keep in contact.
- Follow instructions from local officials and leave early to avoid traffic.

PET SAFETY

IF IT ISN'T SAFE FOR YOU, IT ISN'T SAFE FOR YOUR PET.
IF YOU EVACUATE, TAKE THEM WITH YOU.



PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

Seek out pet-friendly shelters in advance. Not all shelters accept pets due to health and safety regulations. Contact local shelters to verify their pet policies and register your pet. Always have a plan for where your pets will be in case of an emergency.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE TO A SHELTER

Plan ahead by identifying pet-friendly hotels, boarding facilities, or the homes of friends or family outside the evacuation area. Take your pets with you when you evacuate and make sure they have an updated ID tag or microchip.

PET DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

Ensure you have a pet disaster preparedness kit ready, including:

- Enough food and water for seven days.
 - Medications and medical records.
 - A sturdy leash, harness and carrier.
 - Current photos of your pet in case you get separated.
 - Pet beds and toys to reduce stress.
 - Sanitation items such as litter, disposable litter trays and plastic bags.
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WHAT SHOULD RESIDENTS DO PRE-WARNING OR WATCH



REVIEW YOUR HURRICAN PLAN AND CHECKLIST

Regularly review and update your hurricane plan and checklist to ensure you are fully prepared for a storm. Ensure that important documents are up-to-date and easily accessible. Practice your plan to make sure everyone knows what to do and where to go in the event of a hurricane.

YARD PREPARATION

- **Check your emergency supplies and replace any expired items:** Bring inside or tie down any loose items that could become dangerous debris
- **Clean-up Yard:** Items like branches, tools, or garden decorations that could become projectiles in high winds should be brought in.
- **Reinforce structures:** Anchor sheds, fences, and other outdoor structures.
- **Do not:** Trim trees and or pile up garbage outside your home. The Miami-Dade Department of Solid Waste does not pick up bulky waste during a warning or watch
- **Do not:** Empty pool water

ONCE A STORM HAS BEEN NAMED

- **Gather supplies:** Include your pet disaster preparedness kit, a seven-day supply of water per person, non-perishable food, medications, cash, and other essentials.
- **Monitor weather updates and local alerts:** Stay informed through reliable sources such as NOAA weather radio, local news, and the Village website.
- **Review your plan:** Ensure you know the evacuation routes and the location of your nearest shelter. Confirm that your plan includes provisions for your pets.
- **Prepare your home:** Install storm shutters, check and top off your generator, and secure your property as outlined in your hurricane preparedness plan.

DURING THE STORM

WHAT THE VILLAGE IS DOING

During the storm, the Village of Pinecrest activates the Emergency Management Team. Essential staff stay at the Pinecrest Municipal Center if a watch for a Category 3+ hurricane is issued. Police will be working and will respond to emergencies if it is safe to do so.

In the aftermath of a storm, staff will be ready to help residents in need, coordinate debris pick-up from the public right-of-way, and communicate the latest Pinecrest-related information.

Additionally, FPL will use the field at the Pinecrest Community Center as a staging area. FPL representatives will be accessible to residents who need help with power outages.

WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD DO



FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

- **Stay indoors and away from windows:** Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest level, such as a bathroom or closet.
- **Listen to updates and instructions from local authorities:** Stay tuned to a NOAA weather radio, local news or official social media channels for real-time information.
- **Have your emergency kit ready:** Ensure your emergency kit is easily accessible, including flashlights,

- batteries, first aid supplies and important documents.
- **Unplug appliances:** To prevent electrical damage, unplug any non-essential electronics and appliances.

IF YOUR HOME IS DAMAGED

Be cautious of hazards: Watch for downed power lines, gas leaks and flooded areas. Do not attempt to drive through flooded streets. Always call 911 during an emergency post-hurricane.

AFTER THE STORM

WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD DO



REMOVING YOUR SHUTTER

- Carefully remove each shutter
- Inspect shutters for any damage or signs of wear and tear
- Clean and maintain shutters as needed before storing them away in a secure location

DEBRIS & VEGETATION

- Remove any fallen trees or branches from your property
- Clear debris from gutters, drains, and outdoor areas
- Dispose of debris properly according to local regulations

VEGETATION DO'S:

- Trim overgrown branches and bushes to prevent future damage
- Dispose of yard waste responsibly to prevent clogging drainage systems

VEGETATION DON'TS:

- Don't attempt to remove large trees or branches without professional assistance.
- Don't trim near powerlines

AFTER MAKING SURE YOU ARE SAFE, REPAIR DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME:

- Assess the extent of the damage and prioritize repairs
- Document any damage for insurance purposes
- Hire qualified professionals for repairs or structural damage
- Take preventive measures to safeguard your home against future storms

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

VILLAGE OF PINECREST

- POLICE EMERGENCY: 911
- POLICE NON-EMERGENCY:
305.234.2100
- VILLAGE HALL: 305.234.2121
- PUBLIC WORKS: 305.669.6916
- www.pinecrest-fl.gov/hurricane
- @Pinecrest-fl
- Saferwatch App

UTILITIES AND WASTE

- FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT
1-800-4-OUTAGE (468-8243) |
FPL.COM
@INSIDEFPL
- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTE
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
305.514.6666
MIAMIDADE.GOV
- FLORIDA CITY GAS
800.993.7546
FLORIDACITYGAS.COM

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
1.800.462.7585
www.fema.gov

AID AND ASSISTANCE

- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY: 311 or
305.468.5900
- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT:
MIAMIDADE.GOV/OEM
@MiamiDadeEM
- NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER
NHC.NOAA.GOV
@NWSNHC
- NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE MIAMI
WEATHER.GOV/MFL
@NWSMiami
- AMERICAN RED CROSS
SOUTH FLORIDA
305.644.1200
@SFLRedCross
- POISON CONTROL HELP LINE
1.800.222.1222
- PRICE GOUGING COMPLAINTS
FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
1.866.966.7226
- TRAFFIC INFORMATION
511 or FL511.com
- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
305.995.1000
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