



Here's the 2024 List

Let's be prepared
BEFORE Alberto!

Alberto	Helene	Oscar
Beryl	Isaac	Patty
Chris	Joyce	Rafael
Debby	Kirk	Sara
Ernesto	Leslie	Tony
Francine	Milton	Valerie
Gordon	Nadine	William

Hear from the City's Emergency Manager

This hurricane season - which starts on June 1 - is predicted to be a very active one. NOW is the time prepare, whether you are a long time resident or new to Boca Raton.

The City's Emergency Manager, Christine Mucci, offers some [advice on how to be ready to handle any storm](#) that heads our way. With your efforts and the City's year-round preparations, we can all have a safer season.

Read more below on what to do to keep you and your family safe and see all hurricane information on our [Be Prepared Boca webpage](#).



Helpful PLANNING



The best way to start your hurricane preparations is with our helpful Hurricane Planning Guide, which provides detailed information on emergency plan checklists, year-round preparations, hurricane kit items, what to do after a storm, useful resources and more.

This guide is especially handy for new residents! Plus, it is easy to download and keep handy.

View the [Be Prepared Boca Hurricane Planning Guide](#).



Time to CLEAN & CUT



Take advantage of the City's **EXTENDED SERVICES** for your **BULK** and **VEGETATION** pickup. Check out the [June extended services schedule](#).

Residents and businesses - do all of your property's major tree cutting, trimming and removal by the end of June, and learn more about good [tree maintenance](#).

Plus, make sure to clean out your garages, carports, and storage areas. It is crucial to declutter our homes and properties now, so we don't overwhelm our sanitation systems. Visit Sanitation Services for details on [unaccepted materials](#), and [curbside collection of items](#).



Tax-Free SUPPLIES



Plan to buy your disaster supplies - candles, batteries, generators, radios and pet carriers - during one of **TWO** tax-free weeks. Stock up from **June 1 - June 14** and **August 24 - September 6**, and you won't pay sales tax on select items.

For a full list of qualifying items, please see the Department of Revenue's [Taxpayer Information Publication on the 2024 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday](#).



Flood ZONE & INFORMATION



Hurricanes can cause flooding. That's why it's important to know your flood zone and insure your property. Floodplain management activities implemented by the City may qualify residents in high hazard flood zones for a **discount of up to 15% on their flood insurance premium**.

For more information, please contact the City's Floodplain Manager at [561-393-7845](tel:561-393-7845), visit the [Floodplain Management page](#) on the City's website, or view the [Flood Management Brochure](#).



Evacuation ZONES & SHELTERS



It's important to have an evacuation plan, especially if you live on the barrier island or in low-lying areas and are in an evacuation zone.

Visit the [Palm Beach County Interactive Evacuation Tool](#) to find out if you or your loved ones are in a zone.

Palm Beach County Shelters

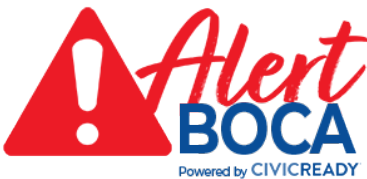
Keep in Mind: Limited capacity will be available at shelters operated by the County.

If you have a family or friend that lives in an evacuation zone, reach out and talk to them about what their plan may be and how you might be able to assist - maybe even offer them the opportunity to stay with you so you can all weather the storm together.

To stay up to date on shelter information, visit [Palm Beach County](#).



Stay CONNECTED



Text Message & Other Notifications

All residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for [Alert Boca Emergency Notifications](#) from the City and the Boca Raton Police Department via text message, email, pager, or voice mail (in extreme cases), based on your preferences.

- Sign up today! Visit [Alert Boca](#) or text **AlertBoca** (no space) to 38276
- Receive important information during a severe storm or hurricane
- Plus, keep up to date on City projects, meetings, events and more

Other ways to stay up to date on City happenings all year long?

- [Subscribe](#) to the City's monthly [City Connection](#)
 - Get the [My Boca App](#) for a quick and easy way to report a concern, check beach conditions, pay a water bill & more.
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Listen Up - Boca Raton on the RADIO!

Hurricanes have the capability to knock out the power and destroy cell phone towers leaving you with little to no way to know what is going on in the City. To avoid being in the dark, be sure to have an AM/FM radio handy.

Tune in to **Boca Raton Radio 1650AM**, where the City will provide important emergency information to the community.

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Alert BOCA

Police/Fire Emergencies **911**
Boca Raton Citizen Information Center **561-982-4900**
(during an emergency)
Fire Rescue (non-emergency) **561-982-4000**
Police (non-emergency) **561-368-6201**
FEMA **1-800-621-3362**
PB County Emergency Management **561-712-6400**
Florida Power & Light **1-800-468-8243**

During an emergency tune in to BocaTV on:
Channel 28 (Cablecast)
Channel 58 (AT&T Uverse)
Channel 325 (Fios/Verizon)

Radio: **1650AM**
City Website: www.MyBoca.us

Important Phone Numbers You Can Print Out!

Keep important telephone numbers at the ready with our printable "Be Prepared" information card. You can access the printable document [here](#), or pick up our **FREE handy fridge magnet** at City Hall and our Community Centers. You can also visit [our webpage for additional resources](#).

Police/Fire Emergencies

- Only call **911** when there is a true emergency
- Text 911 for an emergency, but **ONLY** if you cannot call

Boca Raton Citizen Information Center (for hurricane-related information)

- **561-982-4900**
- Activated throughout a storm
- Talk with City staff regarding any concerns, questions or information

Police/Fire Rescue (non-emergency)

- Police **561-368-6201**
- Fire Rescue **561-982-4000**



Important REMINDERS



Medical Needs

If you or your loved one has medical needs or take daily medications, **prepare now**. Create a plan to get yourself and loved ones out of harm's way if you need to evacuate. Also, talk to your doctor to see if you can get additional doses of your medication(s).

[Learn More](#)



Pets

Pets are not allowed in county shelters. If you have a pet and are in a mandatory evacuation zone, you can **pre-register at the Pet Friendly Shelter** at the West Boynton Recreation Center. Owners may NOT stay with their pets but can stay at the adjacent human shelter.

[Learn More](#)



Special Needs

Palm Beach County has a Special Needs Shelter for citizens with certain medical problems. The shelter is staffed with physicians and nurses and has auxiliary power, is wind resistant and not flood-prone. ***Pre-registration is required before any evacuation order is given.**

[Register](#)

What to Do with Waste Items?

As you update your hurricane supplies, keep in mind that some items should not be placed in your garbage, but instead, be brought to one of the Solid Waste Authority's (SWA) [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#). Supplies requiring special disposal include:

- Gasoline and oil from generators
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries from electronics or flashlights



These items (and other home hazards) **can be dropped off for FREE** by Palm Beach County residents at any of the [Drop-Off Locations](#). Commercial interests should call 561-687-1100 for disposal options.



City PREPARATIONS

Throughout the year, City staff members from every department work hard to plan for severe storms and hurricanes. What are some of the things they do to prepare?

- **Tree trimming in City parks and public places** reduces the potential for falling vegetation, clogged drains, and keeps branches away from powerlines.
- **Point of Distribution hurricane season exercise** allowed City staff members to rehearse a situation where food or water distribution for the community would be necessary.
- **Drainage improvement projects** throughout the year are completed in areas where water tends to collect.



Boca Raton is the Only StormReady Certified City in the County

As a StormReady City, Boca Raton is better prepared to save lives and prevent damage from severe weather through advanced planning, education, and awareness. The City is the ONLY municipality in Palm Beach County to earn the certification from the National Weather Service.



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