

# FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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## INFORMATION RESOURCES

### WEBSITES

<a href="http://www.fmbfire.org">www.fmbfire.org</a>	Fort Myers Beach Fire Department
<a href="http://www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov">www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov</a>	Town of Fort Myers Beach
<a href="http://www.LeeEOC.com">www.LeeEOC.com</a>	Lee County Emergency Operations
<a href="http://www.sheriffleefl.org">www.sheriffleefl.org</a>	Lee County Sheriff's Office
<a href="http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes">www.ready.gov/hurricanes</a>	National Weather Service

### HELPFUL LINKS

<a href="#">Code Red – The Town of Fort Myers Beach</a> . Code Red is a notification system used for emergencies.	<a href="#">Know Your Evacuation Zone</a>
<a href="#">Lee County Public Shelters</a>	<a href="#">Special Needs Application</a> – Online Application
<a href="#">Lee County Shelters that accept Pets</a>	<a href="#">Lee County All Hazards Guide</a>
<a href="#">The Town of Fort Myers Beach Hurricane Re-Entry Pass Information</a>	

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook – Link to Fort Myers Beach Fire Department Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/fortmyersbeachfire">https://www.facebook.com/fortmyersbeachfire</a>
Instagram Fort Myers Beach Fire Department-Twitter	FortMyersBeachFireDepartment @FMBeachFire
Facebook – Link to Town of Fort Myers Beach Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TownofFortMyersBeach">https://www.facebook.com/TownofFortMyersBeach</a>
Facebook – Link to Lee County Sheriff Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/sheriffleefl">https://www.facebook.com/sheriffleefl</a>
Facebook – Link to Lee County Emergency Management page and Volunteers page	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/LCEMFL">www.facebook.com/LCEMFL</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/LCEMvolunteers">www.facebook.com/LCEMvolunteers</a>
Twitter – Lee County Emergency Operations and Emergency Management	<a href="https://twitter.com/#!/LeeEOC">https://twitter.com/#!/LeeEOC</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/#!/LCEMFL">https://twitter.com/#!/LCEMFL</a>
YouTube	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/LeeCountyEOC">www.youtube.com/LeeCountyEOC</a>

### SMART PHONE, iPad, AND TABLET APPS

LeeAlert (Apple OS)	Available for iPhone and iPad from the iTunes Store.
LeeAlert (Android OS)	Available for Android phones and tablets from Google Play.

### PHONE NUMBERS

Fort Myers Beach Fire, non-emergency	239-590-4200
Lee County Sheriff's, non-emergency	239-477-1000
Public Works, Town of Fort Myers Beach	239-765-0202, ext 1700
Town of Fort Myers Beach	239-765-0202
Town Garbage Collection (Advanced Disposal)	239-334-1224
Lee County Emergency Management	239-533-0622
Lee County Special Needs Program	239-533-0640
Lee County Storm Hotline	211
Lee County Domestic Animal Services	239-533-7387
FEMA	1-800-621-3362 (telephone) 1-800-462-7585 (TTY)

Disaster Supply/Preparation Kit  
Checklist (checkoff what is done – this will help keep you on track).

<b>EMERGENCY</b>		
<b>Food Service Needs</b>		
Drinking Water (1 gal per day/person for 7 days)		Non-Perishable Food
Manual Can Opener		Juice/Soft Drinks/Instant Coffee or Tea/Dry Milk
Camp Stove, Grill (with fuel) FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY		Lighter/Waterproof Matches
Pots/Pans/Cooking Utensils		Aluminum Foil
Disposable Plates, Cups and Cutlery		Plastic Wrap/Zip Lock Bags/Garbage Bags
Cooler for Food Storage and another for Ice		Freeze water in jugs or ziplock bags to help keep food cool
<b>Basic Tools</b>		
Basic Tool Kit (hammer, wrench, screwdriver, pliers)		Specialized Tools (water or gas valves)
Plastic Tarps (with grommets) or a Roll of Plastic		Assorted Screws, Nails and Other Fasteners
Duct Tape		Canvas or Leather Work Gloves
<b>Basic Safety Equipment</b>		
NOAA Weather Radio		First Aid Kit
Landline Telephone		Battery Powered Television, Radio, and Clock (extra batteries)
Flashlights (extra batteries)		Whistle (to signal for help if needed)
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<b>Sanitation/Clean Up Supplies</b>		
Unscented Bleach (for clean-up/disinfect water)		Water for Cleaning
Assorted Cleaners, Sanitizers, and Disinfectants		Rubber Gloves
Brushes, Brooms, and Mops		Towels and Rags
Bucket (w/ tight fitting lid) for Emergency Toilet		Toilet Paper/Sanitary Supplies
Paper Towels		Wet Wipes/Waterless Hand Sanitizer
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>		
Spare Keys (complete set for home and vehicles)		Pens/Pencils/Paper
Important Papers (put in a watertight container)		Keepsakes/Photos (put in a watertight container)
Coins, Cash, Credit Cards and/or Travelers Checks		Prepaid Telephone Card(s)
Maps and Evacuation Information		Books, games and other quiet entertainment
<b>Pet/Service Animal</b>		
Water (1 gal per day for 7 days – each animal)		Cage or Carrier for each animal
Food/Treats		Toys/Comfort Items
Clean Up Supplies		Identification/Immunization Records/Photo
<b>Other Special Considerations</b>		
Have enough prescribed medications		Make an itemized inventory of belongings
Review and update policies		Record policy numbers and claims telephone numbers
<b>Prepare Your Home</b>		
Make sure address numbers are visible		Clean and Maintain a buffer around your home
Clean gutters of debris		Inspect Roof (shingles, tiles, vents, anchors, sheathing)
Inspect Storm Shutters/Window Protection		Inspect Garage Doors including bracing
Identify location of all utility shut offs		Inspect and trim all trees and limbs that could fall on home

Additional information is available on the Lee County Emergency Management Website.

## Create a Family **HURRICANE** Plan

Develop a plan and know what to do before a hurricane. Residents should know what evacuation zone you are in. This is designated by a letter A, B, C, D, or E, information on zones can be found in Lee County's All Hazards Guide or visit the Lee County Emergency Management website.

Lee County Emergency Management has identified four options which will guide you in developing a hurricane plan.

- Option A:** Stay at home. If your home can withstand the expected winds, and you are away from the coast and not in a flood prone area, consider staying home. Never stay in your home if your area is under an EVACUATION ORDER.
- Option B:** Stay with a relative, friend, or hotel outside the evacuation area. If you plan to do this, make arrangements in advance, and make sure you leave early. Always have an alternate plan.
- Option C:** Relocate out of the area. Local officials will tell you which evacuation routes to use. Plan your route ahead of time, also plan alternate routes. Include maps and directions in your hurricane kit. Leave early to avoid high winds, flooding, and traffic.
- Option D:** Go to a public shelter if you have no safe place to go. Local media will announce which shelters are open. Do not wait until the last minute to learn the route to the shelter. This includes which shelters accept pets and which shelters are equipped for special needs.

Remember to know the following:

1. Know your Evacuation Zone.
2. Does your home have a hurricane rated garage door?
3. Does your home have shutters and all the needed hardware?
4. If your home was built prior to 2003, is two or more stories, constructed of wood, or you are in a flood zone you may want to consider evacuating.

### Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

June 1 <sup>st</sup> or before the start of hurricane season	72 hours before a storm
Review your plan before the start of season	Stay informed with local TV/Radio for updates
Keep your prescriptions full and up-to-date	Make sure to have cash
Check First Aid Kit, sunscreen & insect repellent	Pay any bills that are due soon
Get a car or solar charger for your cell phone	Fill vehicle fuel tank, check tires, fluids
Have emergency numbers available	Gather valuables and important papers and put in a safe place (weather proof)
Rotate food and other supplies	Start freezing water in containers or bags for freezer
48 hours before the storm (Hurricane Watch)	
Turn fridge and freezer to coldest setting	If you are staying home prepare a room away from windows or doors "safe room" and relocate supplies
Have suitcase packed and ready to go	Fill bath tub with water (for sanitary use only)
Move patio furniture and other loose items indoors	If you have a swimming pool put in extra chlorine
Install window shutters	If evacuating, pack car
Take down awnings and canopies	If evacuating, turn off all utilities
Continue to monitor TV/Radio for changes	Stay Informed and Prepare!

### ***What can you do after a storm?***

Hurricanes can leave a significant amount of damage in a community. What is important to remember is that agencies prepare well before an event has even occurred. Local, County, and State agencies work together to ensure resources are in place to begin clean up as soon as the storm has passed. The most important thing to remember is your safety and the safety of your family. During this time it is important to listen to local media for continued updates.

#### ***Remember:***

1. Stay calm and be patient. Depending on the storm things may be running a little slow.
2. Power restoration will vary - there is no set schedule. No power means no air conditioning, no lights, no fridge, and no electric stoves.
3. Landline telephone services may be limited. Cell phone usage may be affected; a text may be more successful.
4. Water supplies may be unsafe to drink due to flooding or standing water. All water should be treated and/or boiled until advised otherwise.
5. Many sewer lift stations will not work. This will affect flushing toilets, sink drains, and showers. Make sure there is no backup into your home.
6. When it is safe to go outside start by inspecting damage to home from the outside looking at the roof; electrical lines and meters; exterior equipment and gas lines or tanks. If you smell gas do not stay in your home and call for help immediately.
7. Be careful of downed electrical wires and report them to the power company and/or fire and police departments.
8. Check overhead for any low hanging objects or anything loose that could fall.
9. Beware of wild or domestic animals. Look for fire ants, bees, wasps, snakes, rodents and anything else that may be seeking higher ground.
10. Do not connect generators to your house wiring. Generators are to be used outside in a well-ventilated area and remember to shut down generators during re-fueling and always have a fire extinguisher nearby.

#### ***Beware of unlicensed contractor activity.***

1. Do not sign a repair contract until you are able to verify the contractor is licensed.
2. Remember to ask for a copy of their state license.
3. Is the quote reasonable? If they are putting a lot of pressure on you to sign the quote then this is reason to question.
4. Do not pay for any services in full up front.
5. Make sure the contractor has acquired any required permits before starting work.

For permit, related questions on residential properties contact the Community Development Department at 239-765-0202, extension 1306.

For permit, related questions for commercial and multi-family residences contact the Life Safety Division at 239-590-4210 or the Community Development Department.

***Information for Small Businesses in the community. Preparing for a storm.***

Small businesses are the economic driving force of the Fort Myers Beach community. Unfortunately, statistics show that nationwide, approximately 30% of small businesses that close their doors due to a disaster never re-open them. Small businesses add a unique flare to the Fort Myers Beach community and the loss of one can potentially change our small community forever. Therefore, small businesses need to have a plan and prepare during hurricane season as well observing the following tips:

1. Ensure critical operations employees know the plan for when to make contact and when to return to work.
2. Ensure that critical data and business records are backed up electronically.
3. Pre-Plan key vendors that are necessary in reopening your businesses as quickly as possible.
4. Review your businesses liability insurance coverage annually.
5. Identify essential employees to help close up the business, and to begin restoring operations as soon as possible.
6. Conduct an annual facility safety inspection with key staff members. Ensure key members of the team know how to shut down, secure power utilities, and preserve critical data.
7. Ensure key members of the team know how to shut off the domestic water supply to the building.
8. Have the necessary supplies to evacuate your business on hand for Hurricane Season. The time to purchase plywood is not when the stores are overcrowded.
9. Know where essential employees will be evacuating too in the event of a storm.
10. Form an employee support network to aid employees and their families in preparing, responding, and recovering after the storm has passed.

Taking these small steps will ensure our business community is able to open their doors quickly, and to start to restore a sense of normalcy to our small island community.

## Emergency Contact Information

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Home Emergency Guide numbers and information:

**Local Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:    day: \_\_\_\_\_ evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nearest relative:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:    day: \_\_\_\_\_ evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family work numbers:**

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Doctors/Hospital:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Meeting Places:**

1. Right outside your home \_\_\_\_\_

2. Away from home in neighborhood:

    Name: \_\_\_\_\_

    Address: \_\_\_\_\_

    Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

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Medications/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Information: