



# Hurricane preparedness

The city would like to remind you to be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season by following the steps below to keep you, your family and property safe.

**Step 1:** Assemble an emergency preparedness kit & “to-go bag”

**Step 2:** Prepare your family, home & business

**Step 3:** Stay & keep informed

## Official city online resources

- > Web site [www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org)
- > Fan page on Facebook [www.cityofwinterpark.org/facebook](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org/facebook)
- > Twitter account [www.twitter.com/WinterParkFla](http://www.twitter.com/WinterParkFla)

## Sign up for OUTREACH

OUTREACH is the city’s emergency notification system that uses technology to send out notifications such as extreme weather conditions, boil water alerts, power restoration status, and hurricane/tornado warnings directly to you. In addition to outdoor warning sirens throughout Winter Park, OUTREACH will notify residents and business owners of impending emergencies via their home phones, cell phones, and/or e-mail. To sign up, please log on to the city’s official Web site [www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org) and locate the OUTREACH logo. Click on “subscribe now” and follow the sign-up instructions. The city can then keep you informed immediately of any major emergency situation that may impact you, your business and your neighbors.



## Prepare your family & home

- > Develop a family disaster plan, including pets
- > Keep a disaster supply kit ready (batteries, water, non-perishable foods, toiletries, flashlights, clothing, battery operated radio, keys, etc.)
- > Protect valuable documents
- > Fill your car(s) with gasoline
- > Do not use open flames or candles as a light source
- > Locate a safe room or safest areas in your home
- > Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered
- > Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact

## Prepare the outside of your home

- > Inspect for weak or damaged tree limbs and remove them now.
- > Check and trim tree limbs that overhang vulnerable parts of your house.
- > Schedule a systematic trim program for all trees.
- > Prune plants regularly, to avoid overgrown, tall and leggy limbs.
- > Be sure to place trimmings curbside for pickup, well before a storm approaches.

## Important phone numbers to remember

- > Non-emergency information line (activated only when an emergency occurs) **407-599-3494**
- > Message Center Information e-mail [MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org)
- > Winter Park Electric Utility power outages **1-877-811-8700**
- > Water & Wastewater Utility outages **407-599-3219**

For more detailed information on how to plan and prepare for a hurricane, visit the following resources:

- > Ready America [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)
- > Federal Emergency Management Agency [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- > NOAA Hurricane Center [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- > U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [www.epa.gov/hurricanes](http://www.epa.gov/hurricanes)
- > U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control [www.emergency.cdc.gov](http://www.emergency.cdc.gov)