

Thoughts on Emergency Actions in Manatee County

Be Prepared: Construct a Hurricane Emergency Kit: Here is a list of recommended items in a hurricane kit. It can be difficult to find some of these items immediately prior to a hurricane due to high demand, so it is best to begin preparing a hurricane kit early.

- Bottled Water
- Battery-operated Radio
- Extra Batteries
- Ear Phone for the Radio
- Flashlight
- Florida State Road Map
- Dry (Powder) Beverages
- First Aid Kit
- Medication for 30 Days
- Personal Phone Book
- Toiletries
- Baby Food
- Non-perishable (can) Foods
- Plastic Eating Utensils
- Extra Work Clothing
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Bedding Material
- Pillows
- Playing Cards
- Magazines and Books

1. Sign up for Manatee County “Code Red” alerts at:
http://www.mymanatee.org/home/government/departments/utilities/code_red_sign_up.html
2. Eliminate possible windblown hazards around your condo.
3. If possible install storm shutters on lower units.
4. Have your vehicle inspected, gas tank topped off and ready for possible long trips in case of an evacuation order.
5. Locate homeowners insurance and other important papers and place in a central location stored in plastic zip type bags.
6. If storm is imminent, find a secure area away from all windows and structurally sound such as a closet or stairwell to hide.
7. Read the information at the Manatee Hurricane Readiness Center for more planning information hints: <http://www.mymanatee.org/home/government/departments/public-safety/hurricane-readiness-center.html>