



#### Please Note:

Trimming trees and piling trash on the right-of-way just before a storm is prohibited. These items may not be picked up by the local trash hauler.

Items on the right-of-way or the roadway may cause you and your neighbors to have flying debris damage to your home and property.

Tree and trash disposal should be completed pre-hurricane season to avoid such problems.

## Tamarac Hurricane Watches and Warnings

*Tamarac Emergency Management*

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# When Watches and Warnings Come to Town

When hurricane watches and warnings are projected for your area, it's time to put your hurricane plan into action.

Here's what to do:

- 1** Get some cash. In the aftermath of a storm, you may not be able to use your credit, debit or ATM cards due to power outages, or you may need to make purchases from merchants who only accept cash. It's a good idea to have at least several hundred dollars in cash.
- 2** Fill your gas tanks. Without power, gas pumps won't work. Top off the gas tanks of all your vehicles before the storm hits if you are not evacuating and before you hit the road if you are. If you have a generator, get enough gas to run it for several days; be sure to use safe, approved containers. Remember, if you do not have electricity, you'll need another source of power for essential electronics such as cell phones.



- 3** Protect important documents. Place critical paperwork (identification, insurance information, passports, cash, special photos, critical contact information, etc.) in a waterproof, fireproof container that you can take with you if you leave.
- 4** Prepare your home. Cover windows and glass doors with plywood or storm shutters. Do not use tape on your window—tape will not protect your windows from breaking and could increase the risk of greater damage or injury. Bring inside or secure any items that may become airborne in the wind, such as outdoor furniture, grills, trash cans and potted plants. Check your storm kit and buy any additional supplies you may need. Fill bath tubs with clean water; if you have children or pets, be sure bathroom doors are securely closed to prevent a drowning accident. If you have an infant or toddler in diapers, have a two-week supply on hand.
- 5** Finalize a family communication plan. If your family becomes separated during the storm, decide in advance how you will communicate with one another and where you will meet when it is safe to do so. Also determine how you will contact out-of-state relatives with news during and after the storm.

## Quick Reference

### Pre Season

Plan ahead of the season, have a communications plan that includes an out-of-state contact person.

- ☐ Roof checked
- ☐ Doors and windows sealed
- ☐ Emergency supply kit ready
- ☐ Confirm policy information, home and vehicle
- ☐ Video and photos of property
- ☐ Emergency 7-day supply of medications
- ☐ Emergency Generators should be run
- ☐ Trees trimmed to allow wind to blow through

### When a Storm Threatens

- ☐ Review plan with family
- ☐ Start preparedness activities
- ☐ Emergency cash on hand
- ☐ Check emergency food supply
- ☐ Check vehicles for fuel (top off)
- ☐ Weather forecast, stay informed
- ☐ Check your kit for batteries, emergency needs, first aid and any special needs for your family
- ☐ Be ready to get into your safe room

### After The Storm

- ☐ Check family for injuries and home for damages
- ☐ Video and photograph damages before repairing
- ☐ Remain off the roads unless you must go