

Hurricane Preparedness Information

**HURRICANE SEASON
JUNE 1ST-NOVEMBER 30TH**

ALERT ST. LUCIE

St. Lucie County's Emergency Response Notification System

[St. Lucie County \(.gov\)](https://www.stlucieco.gov)

<https://www.stlucieco.gov/disaster-preparedness>

Emergency Management

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Emergency Preparedness Portal



Alert St. Lucie



Disaster Planning



Radiological Information



Pet Shelter Registration



Special Needs Sheltering



Flood Protection Information



Healthcare Comprehensive Emergency Mgt Plans

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Notification System Program.

This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.



Tropical Storm vs. Hurricane

WATCH

Tropical Storm and/or Hurricane conditions are **POSSIBLE** in the Watch area.

Issued up to **48 hours** in advance of tropical storm force winds.

WARNING

Tropical storm and/or Hurricane conditions are **EXPECTED** in the Warning area.

Issued up to **36 hours** in advance of the onset of tropical storm force winds.

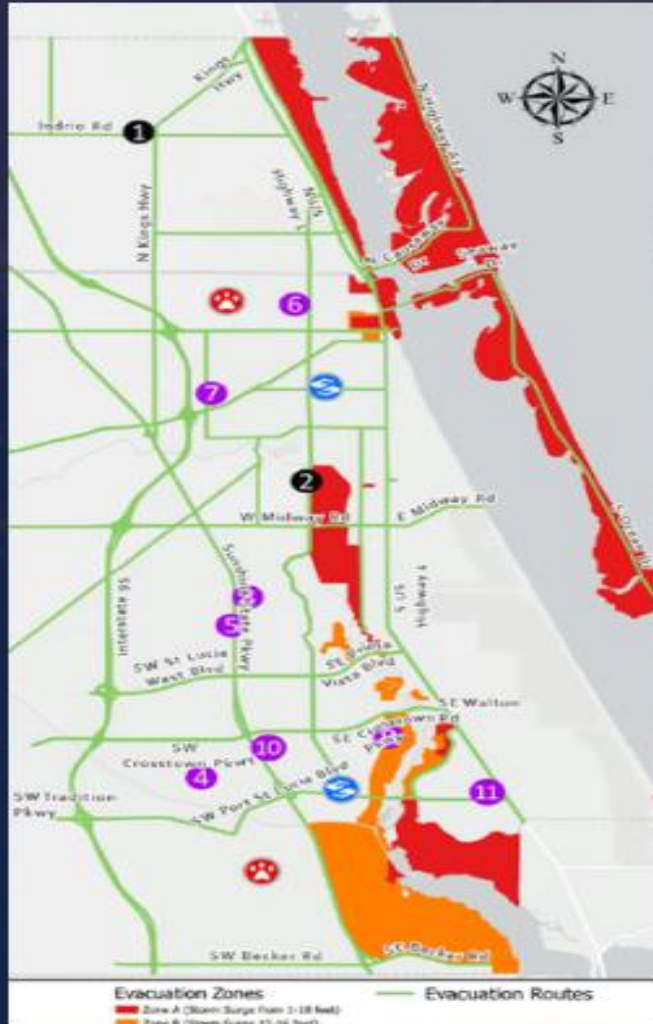
Hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force. **Watches & Warnings** are issued in advance of the onset of these winds, which are **39-73 mph**.



Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

Category	Sustained Winds	Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds
1	74–95 mph (119–153 km/h)	Very dangerous winds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor damage to roofs, shingles, siding, and gutters• Large branches may break; shallow trees may topple• Power outages likely for several days
2	96–110 mph (154–177 km/h)	Extremely dangerous winds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major roof and siding damage to homes• Many trees snapped or uprooted, blocking roads• Power outages for days to weeks
3	111–129 mph (178–208 km/h)	Devastating damage (Major Hurricane) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe roof and gable end damage• Many trees down, roads blocked• Power outages for water for days to weeks
4	130–156 mph (209–251 km/h)	Catastrophic damage (Major Hurricane) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe structural damage, most of the roof gone• Trees and power poles down, isolated areas• Power outages for weeks to months• Many areas uninhabitable for weeks or months
5	157+ mph (252 km/h or higher)	Catastrophic destruction (Major Hurricane) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many homes destroyed, total roof failure• Fallen trees and poles isolate large areas• Power outages for weeks to months• <i>Most of the area uninhabitable for a long time</i>

Shelter & Evacuation Map



Special Needs Shelter



Havert L. Fenn Center
2000 Virginia Ave
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Secondary Special Needs Shelter will open if needed.

Pet-Friendly Shelters



Westwood High School
1801 Panther Ln
Fort Pierce, FL 34947



Treasure Coast High School
1000 SW Darwin Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34982

Primary Shelters



Lakewood Park Elementary
7800 Indrio Rd
Fort Pierce, FL 34951



Fort Pierce Central High School
1000 SW Darwin Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

Secondary Shelters

Secondary Shelters will open if needed



Oak Hammock K-8
1251 SW California Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953



Westgate K-8
1050 NW Cashmere Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986



Chester Moore Elementary
827 N 29th St
Fort Pierce, FL 34947



Samuel Gaines Academy
2250 S Jenkins Rd
Fort Pierce, FL 34947



Parkway Elementary
7000 NW Selvitz Rd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983



Floresta Elementary
1501 SE Floresta Dr
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983



Bayshore Elementary
1661 SW Bayshore Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984



Morningside Elementary
2300 SE Gowin Dr
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952



Port St. Lucie Comm. Ctr
2195 SE Airoso Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

#PSLPrepares. Do You?



HURRICANE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS QUICK GUIDE

This guide is best kept in your emergency supply toolkit and reviewed annually with your family for emergency planning purposes. The best time to begin hurricane preparations is before the start of hurricane season, which begins June 1. Residents are encouraged to sign up for St. Lucie County's alert program at www.StLucieCo.Gov/Alert. A wealth of other emergency preparedness information can be found on the City of Port St. Lucie's Emergency Management page at www.CityofPSL.com/EM.

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Port St. Lucie

Animal Control 772-871-5042
Police (non-emergency) 772-871-5000
1 PSL 24/7 City Hall 772-871-1775
Public Works 772-871-5100
Office of Solid Waste 772-781-1775

St. Lucie County

Fire District (non-emergency) 772-621-3400
Department of Health
St. Lucie County 772-462-3800
Mosquito Control 772-462-1692
Public Safety 772-462-8100

State of Florida

State assistance info line 800-342-3557

24-Hour Radio Stations

WQCS – FM (88.9) 772-465-8989
WPSL – AM (1590) 772-340-1590
WJNX – AM (1330) 772-464-1330
La Gigante (En Español)

Power Outage and Gas Information

Florida Power & Light (downed wires) 800-468-8243
Power Outage Tracker www.FPLmaps.com
Customer Service www.FPL.com/Contact
Twitter @insideFPL
Florida City Gas (Gas leaks, odors) 888-352-5325
Emergencies 9-1-1

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST/ SURVIVAL KIT

- Seven-day supply of food
(canned and dried goods are recommended)
- Batteries
- Battery-operated radio, with weather band
- Can opener (manual)
- Containers to store drinking water
(1 gallon per person per day for at least seven days)
- Copies of important documents
(home/auto insurance, ID, Social Security card, deeds, passports, birth certificates)
- Disposable eating utensils
- Duct tape
- Emergency contact numbers
- Evacuation map
- Fill gas tanks (vehicles and storage containers)
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit (bandages, gauze, rubbing alcohol)
- Flashlight (One per person with spare batteries for each)
- Gas grill or sterno stove with extra fuel
(Do not use indoors)
- Hand tools (hammer, nails, ax, knife, handsaw)
- Hygiene and personal care items
- Matches
- Mosquito repellent
- Prescription medicine (7-14 day supply)
- Trash bags (large plastic)
- Cell phone, charging cable & portable charging bank

Visit the City's Office of Emergency Management
www.CityofPSL.com/EM
for comprehensive preparedness information.

Facebook: @cityofpsl
Instagram: @cityofpsl
Twitter: @CityPortStLucie
YouTube: CityPortStLucie



Stay Connected

Becoming Storm Savvy

Creating a Hurricane go-kit after an emergency; you may need to survive on your own for several days.

Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. A hurricane go-kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

5 REMEMBER THE P'S

PEOPLE

Necessities and a comfort item or two

PILLS

Medications & prescriptions

PETS

Pet food and water bowls, leashes and collar with ID tag

PAPERS

Copies of important documents, birth certificates, insurance info, social security cards

PHOTOS

Backup of digital photos on a USB drive, plus copies of irreplaceable photos

Good items to have in a go-kit include:

- Spare house keys
- Change of clothes
- Cash, checkbook and credit cards
- Toiletries
(toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, brush, deodorant, etc.)
- Multi-tool or pocket knife
- Non-perishable food, snacks, can opener
- Water
- Blanket
- Umbrella/rain gear
- Face mask
- Portable radio
- Deck of cards
- Spare glasses
- Map
- Battery-powered/hand crank radio
- NOAA weather radio with tone alert
- First aid kit
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
(for personal sanitation)
- Extra batteries

Important documents and other items:

- Keep copies of important documents such as family records (birth, marriage and death certificates, wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds, photo ID, passports, social security cards, immunization records, etc.) in a zip-close bag or a waterproof container
- Keep a list of bank account numbers and credit card account numbers including phone numbers.
- Take photos or a video of the interior and exterior of home, inventory of all furnishings.
- Important contacts: Doctor's name and phone number; pharmacy name, phone number and medications you are taking; vet's name, phone number and address; work; daycare; hospital; etc.
- A list of neighbors, friends, family and emergency contacts. Include phone numbers and addresses.
- Consider unique needs your family might have such as supplies for senior citizens or pets.
- Visit www.Ready.gov/Kit

Learn how you can keep your family safe this season by visiting
www.CityofPSL.com/Hurricane

HURRICANE SHUTTERS

Check that shutters are available for all windows and doors

Verify that the shutters are fully functional

Shutters may only be installed once a Hurricane Watch is issued

If you will be out of town, arrange for someone to install them

Shutters must be removed within 14 days after the watch is rescinded

WHEN EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

Emergency services generally stop when sustained wind speeds reach approximately 40–50 mph (64–80 km/h). During these times, it is too dangerous for ambulances, fire trucks, and police cars to operate. Responders will shelter in place and cannot answer calls until the storm passes.

Key details regarding emergency service suspension:

- **Wind Thresholds:** Emergency vehicles often stop responding when winds hit 40-50 mph.
- **Safety Risk:** High winds make it impossible for emergency vehicles to travel, often leading to a pause in service for up to 12 hours during the worst of the storm.
- **Reduced Operations:** When winds reach 35-45 mph, response may be limited to only life-threatening emergencies.
- **After the Storm:** Even after winds subside, debris and flooding can prevent or delay emergency crews from reaching you.

You must prepare to be self-sufficient during this time, as help may not be able to reach you until the storm has completely passed.

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