



## **Hurricane Prep Timeline**

hurricane hotline - 954-565-9571

[www.ppines.com/hurricane](http://www.ppines.com/hurricane)

### **What to do when a hurricane is 6 hours from arriving**

- If you're not in an area that is recommended for evacuation, stay home or where you are and let friends and family know where you are.
- Close storm shutters, and stay away from windows. Flying glass from broken windows could injure you.
- Turn your refrigerator or freezer to the coldest setting and open only when necessary. If you lose power, food will last longer. Keep a thermometer in the refrigerator to be able to check the food temperature when the power is restored.
- Continue to monitor your TV/radio, or check your city/county website every 30 minutes in order to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Fill bathtubs and sinks with water

### **What to do when a hurricane is 6-18 hours from arriving**

- Monitor your TV/radio, or check your city/county website every 30 minutes to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Charge or recharge your cell phone and other electronics now so you will have a full battery in case you lose power.
- Inventory your home and property with photos or video

### **What to do when a hurricane is 18-36 hours from arriving**

- Bookmark the City of Pembroke Pines website at [www.ppines.com/hurricane](http://www.ppines.com/hurricane) for quick access to storm updates and emergency instructions.
- Bring loose, lightweight objects inside that could become projectiles in high winds (e.g., patio furniture, garbage cans); anchor objects that would be unsafe to bring inside (e.g., propane tanks);
- Cover all of your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install.

## **What to do when a hurricane is 36 hours from arriving**

- Monitor your TV or radio in order to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Restock your emergency preparedness kit. Make sure you include food and water sufficient for at least seven days, medications, a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies. Include pet supplies and preparation.
- Plan how to communicate with family members if you lose power. For example, you can call, text, email or use social media. Remember that during disasters, sending text messages is usually reliable and faster than making phone calls because phone lines are often overloaded.
- Review an evacuation plan with your family if you must evacuate.
- Keep your car gas tank full; stock your vehicle with emergency supplies and a change of clothes if you are evacuating.
- Prepare your pool with extra chlorine

## **What to do when a hurricane is One Week from arriving**

- Monitor your TV or radio to get the latest weather predictions, updates and emergency instructions.
- Visit [www.ppines.com/hurricane](http://www.ppines.com/hurricane) for lists, information and resource links to review your plan, what you need to do to be prepared
- STOP trimming trees. STOP putting bulk pick up or landscaping vegetation for pick up on your swale unless the City of Pembroke Pines has announced a different cut-off day for your neighborhood.
- Get cash
- Review your hurricane supplies and start getting what you still need
- Begin gathering and placing documents and needed supplies in your safe room
- Try your generator to make sure it's working properly – fill gas containers for the generator

## **What to do when hurricane season begins**

- Visit [www.ppines.com/hurricane](http://www.ppines.com/hurricane) for lists, information and resource links to create a plan, begin your prep lists, be informed about what to do. Follow city's social media
- Create an emergency supply kit – add to it as the year goes on
- Check your insurance
- Keep important documents in one place
- Assess vulnerabilities in your home or property
- Consistently trim trees and landscape
- Understand debris sorting requirements for after a storm
- Register at-risk, vulnerable members of your family
- Have a pet plan/register pet at a shelter
- Register for CodeRed and Notify Me at [www.ppines.com](http://www.ppines.com)