

Broward County Hurricane Preparedness – Evacuation Plan

Hurricane evacuations are ordered to protect coastal residents from the dangerous storm surge. The more severe the storm, the higher the sea level becomes and the further inland the evacuations must go. A word of caution: If you are NOT told to evacuate, it doesn't mean you're safe in your home. While the sea might not flood your home, hurricane winds can be very destructive.

The Evacuation Order

The caller may be advised to evacuate while the weather looks nice. Rapidly deteriorating weather conditions will make evacuation hazardous as the storm approaches. Evacuation orders will be issued by the County Administrator. Local governments will work together to keep an orderly evacuation.

About four hours after an evacuation order is issued, the Red Cross will open hurricane refuges for those without a safe place of shelter. Callers should be advised to listen to local radio and TV coverage for shelter openings.

If the caller is relocating outside the hurricane-threatened area, they should carry a current road map and follow a route that stays as far as possible from the seashore, lakes, canals, etc. They should listen to their car radio for further advisories.

Plan A

Typically a Category 1-2 hurricane - Storm surge is four to seven feet above sea level with winds from 74 to 110 miles per hour. All mobile home residents, residents in low lying areas or beside tidal bodies of water, and residents east of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Plan B

Typically a Category 3 or higher hurricane - Storm surge is seven to eleven feet above sea level and winds from 111 miles per hour or greater. All mobile home residents, residents in low lying areas or beside tidal bodies of water and residents east of US1 (Federal Highway).

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