



**Q: How can I get ready for a hurricane?**

A: There are many preparedness strategies common to all disasters. Getting informed and having a plan are crucial to surviving. General preparedness planning information is located on the FEMA site at: <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/index.shtm>.

**Q: Why do I need to separate my yard trash and bulky waste?**

A: State laws prohibit disposal of yard trash in a lined landfill. Separate to ensure waste is collected and complies with state laws regarding solid waste disposal.

**Q: What can do I do with Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?**

A: Did you know that many of the products that we use in our homes like oil-based paint, solvents, pesticides, and pool chemicals are actually as hazardous as industrial chemicals? Well, it's true. And the bad news is that when these products are disposed of improperly, they can pollute our drinking water. Help protect Miami-Dade County's fragile environment by safely disposing of your household chemicals.

**Q: How can I help?**

A: Please be patient. Schedules may be disrupted. Public announcements will be issued regarding schedule changes.

**Q: What are the Hurricane Categories?**

A: **Category** ▪ Wind Speed ▪ Storm Surge ▪ Damage  
**Cat. 1** ▪ 75-95 mph ▪ 4-5 feet ▪ Minimal  
**Cat. 2** ▪ 96-110 mph ▪ 6-8 feet ▪ Moderate  
**Cat. 3** ▪ 111-130 mph ▪ 9-12 feet ▪ Extensive  
**Cat. 4** ▪ 131-155 mph ▪ 13-18 feet ▪ Extreme  
**Cat. 5** ▪ More than 155mph ▪ More than 18 ft ▪ Catastrophic



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**Information**

For additional information about the Village of Palmetto Bay's Hurricane Preparedness you may visit or contact the Public Works Department at:

8950 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157  
Phone: (305) 969-5011  
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[www.palmettobay-fl.gov](http://www.palmettobay-fl.gov)

**Other Helpful Resources**

- <http://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/>
- <http://www.miamidade.gov/dswm/>
- <http://www.miamidade.gov/oem/>
- <http://www.fema.gov/>
- <http://www.ready.gov/>
- <http://www.floridadisaster.org/>
- <http://www.floridahurricane.net/>

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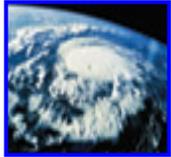
## BEFORE the Storm

- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed.
- Be sure all stormwater drains are debris free.
- Be sure all yard debris is safely removed from yard.



### Pruning Tips

Never "top" or "hatrack" a tree and do not remove more than 25% of the tree canopy. Please consult with a certified arborist.



### During a Hurricane

#### Watch

**DO NOT** begin any tree pruning or household cleanup activities. Your option will be to self-haul

household trash to one of the [Neighborhood Trash & Recycling Centers](#). The Centers will remain open weather conditions permitting.

### During a Hurricane

#### Warning

Garbage and curbside recycling collection will be suspended. Secure your waste and recycling containers in a utility room or garage so that they do not become flying debris. If you must dispose of bulky waste during a Hurricane watch or warning, **DO NOT** place it on the right-of-way. You can self-haul it to your nearest Trash and Recycling Center. The [Trash and Recycling Centers](#) will remain open to accept your household trash weather conditions permitting.



### Local Trash and Recycling Centers

<b>Chapman Field 3, 4*</b> 13600 SW 60 Avenue	<b>Eureka Drive 2*</b> 9401 SW 184 Street
<b>Eureka Drive 2*</b> 9401 SW 184 Street	<b>West Perrine 2*</b> 16651 SW 107 Ave
<b>Moody Drive 1, 2*</b> 12970 SW 268 Street	<b>South Miami Heights</b> 20800 SW 117 Court

\* (1) Accepts used motor oil; (2) Accepts used electronics; (3) Does not accept white goods; (4) Does not accept tires.

## DURING the Storm

### *The Right Way to Watch and Wait*

Here's how:

- Stay indoors until the storm has passed.
- Watch local news or listen to the radio for weather updates.
- Turn off circuit breakers, but leave one on so you know when power is restored.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, as your light source.
- Stay in your safe room.
- Keep children informed about what is happening and watch for signs of stress.
- Keep animals in their carriers.
- Use the phone only for urgent calls.
- Go to a lower floor if you live in a tall building.
- Get in the tub or under a mattress if your home begins to come apart.



## AFTER the Storm



### Do's:

Check your local media advisories for information regarding the resumption of waste collection services call 311 or visit the [County Portal](#). Assess the damage to your trees properly and safely using this guide: [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Do your part! Take small amounts of hurricane debris to the [Trash and Recycling Center](#). Place large piles of hurricane debris on the right-of-way of your property for collection, away from fences, mailboxes, drains, power lines and low hanging wires. Be patient. Due to the high volume of debris that can result from a hurricane, the debris removal process could take longer than normal.



### Don'ts:

Place hurricane debris on a vacant lot. Place hurricane debris in front of commercial properties including nurseries and farmland. Place non-hurricane related trash on the right-of-way after a hurricane. Listen to media announcements for information on when your waste collection service will resume. Take small amounts of hurricane debris to a Neighborhood Trash and Recycling Center. Place large piles of debris on the right-of-way of your property - away from fences, mailboxes, drains, power lines and low-hanging wires.

