

Resilient Environment

South Florida has many seasons, in the form of wet and dry, hot and not, and let's not mention the other one! So, as the mangos come into season and kids are eagerly awaiting the end of school, it's also time to prepare ourselves for our summer seasons. Heat Season – May 1 to October 1, Wet Season – May 1 to October 31 and Hurricane Season – June 1 to November 30.

Early storm preparation is increasingly necessary with the rise in rapid intensification of storms and hurricanes. This leaves less time to prepare for what could be a severe hit. Remember to plan ahead: ready your home inside and out; prepare your hurricane kit; and plan to seek safety elsewhere, if needed.

Also, remember that hurricanes bring wind and rain! So don't forget to clear the nearby storm drains of any leaves and other debris before and after the storm. This will help prevent local flooding.

Unfortunately, some of our worst flood events have occurred unexpectedly, even during the dry season. Pay attention to flash flood warnings and be sure to protect yourself and your vehicle by getting to (and staying in) a safe spot until the storm and any flooding subsides.

Meanwhile, temperatures are rising globally and locally, and urban communities are experiencing the greatest rise in temperatures; it's hotter! This has many consequences for our South Florida communities where humidity increases the risk of heat stress and can lead to heat stroke and death.

In fact, heat is such a concern that the National Weather Service in Miami has lowered the thresholds for declaring temperature advisories and warnings. These announcements are intended to help keep residents safe by reminding them to stay cool, drink water, seek shade and take breaks, and try to avoid intense physical activity. Other precautions include learning to look for and respond to possible signs of heat stress in ourselves and others.

Recently, we have witnessed record-breaking temperatures, leading to a rise in heat-related illnesses, particularly among our most vulnerable community members, elderly, children and the disabled. It is predicted that by 2050 the number of days exceeding a 90°F heat index is projected to increase to 184 days per year (from 32 days historically). That's a lot!

Because of these exposures, it is crucial to proactively build resilience as a community. This means not only preparing ahead for emergencies but also ensuring that we have the necessary infrastructure and services in place to minimize impacts. Broward County is actively working on numerous initiatives within the BMSD to improve local infrastructure, redevelopment strategies, and flood and heat mitigation measures.

As the saying goes, "We are stronger as a community," and together we can effectively respond to these climate challenges, ensuring safety and health for everyone. Here are several preventive measures our community members can take to prepare for hurricanes and extreme heat:

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM EXTREME HEAT AND HURRICANES

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

-  Create an evacuation and communication plan
-  Identify nearby shelters and keep a disaster supply kit
-  Reinforce windows, doors, and trim surrounding trees
-  Stay informed through weather alerts and official sources
-  Check on vulnerable neighbors before and after storms

EXTREME HEAT PREPAREDNESS

-  Stay hydrated throughout the day
-  Avoid outdoor activities during peak heat hours
-  Use fans or air conditioning; visit cooling centers
-  Monitor local heat advisories and weather forecasts
-  Check in on elderly neighbors and those with health risks



Beat the Heat

Learn about heat in Broward: broward.org/climate



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By adopting these measures, we can collectively build a more resilient, safe, and prepared BMSD community. For more information, visit Resilience. The Resilience Environment Team is pictured below.



Emergency Management

Are you prepared for hurricane season?

Visit the site below to access important information from Broward County.

- [Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#)

Do you have an elderly or special needs family member living with you? If so, plan to accommodate their needs

- [Emergency Preparedness for Residents at Risk](#)

A promotional poster for the 2025 Hurricane Preparedness Open House. The background features a satellite image of a hurricane over the Atlantic Ocean. In the top left, a yellow banner reads "OPEN TO ALL". The center of the poster has the year "2025" in large yellow numbers, followed by "HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS OPEN HOUSE" in white text on a blue background. Below this, the date and time "SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH | 10AM - 2PM" are written in yellow. On the right side, there is a circular seal for Broward County Florida Emergency Management with the text "MAKING BROWARD COUNTY SAFER, STRONGER, AND MORE RESILIENT". In the bottom left, there is a circular portrait of Commissioner Robert McKinzie with the text "Event Occurs in District 8 Commissioner Robert McKinzie". To the right of the portrait, the location "African American Research Library and Cultural Center" and the address "2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale 33311" are listed in white text.

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Event Occurs in District 8
Commissioner Robert McKinzie

Residents are encouraged to attend the 2025 Hurricane Preparedness Open House on Saturday, June 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale). This free event was designed to help prepare and inform residents before a hurricane or storm hits. Items that will be available include giveaways, hurricane preparedness guides, tips for small businesses, and educational disaster pamphlets for children. Emergency Management staff will be on site to answer questions.



Office of Emergency Management Team

Reporting Flood Damage

To mitigate risks, Broward County has completed numerous drainage projects in the BMSD. Here are ways to assess damage to your home with the [Home Damage Assessment Program](#).

HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Broward County's Home Damage Assessment program enables residents to assist in quickly identifying areas of devastation.

Before an event:

- Take pictures of your home and include this information in your emergency preparedness kit
- Download the Home Damage Assessment App by visiting the app store or by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone:



After an event:

- When it is safe to go outside, survey the damage to your home and compare to the five Home Damage Assessment levels (shown on the right)
- Select the level photo that best represents the condition of your home. It doesn't matter if you live in a single-family home, condo, townhouse, apartment, duplex, or mobile home

To report damage by phone, call 311.

Remember, you must have access to the photos to make a report, as Hurricane Hotline call takers will only be able to accept numbers "1-4" as damage levels and "5-6" for flood levels.

Resident reports will provide a critical early indication of where major damage has occurred. These reports do not constitute a request for individual assistance and do not replace the normal grid-by-grid assessments performed by County assessment teams.

DISASTER RECOVERY RESOURCES

Stay tuned to local media for announcements about disaster relief and recovery services that may be available to you. These may include distributions of water and food, mobile medical services, Operation Blue Roof, and FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers. Details are announced once recovery efforts are underway.

HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PHOTOS

Level 1 - No or minor damage; habitable



Level 2 - Major damage; habitable



Level 3 - Major damage; uninhabitable



Level 4 - Destroyed



Level 5 or 6 - Flood Level, if any



Flood Level 6



Flood Level 5



Three Ways to Request Mosquito Service:

- Use the [Mosquito Service Request Form](#)
- Call 311
- 954-831-3940

Florida Power & Light (FPL) Information

Any FPL residential customer whose electric service is medically essential is eligible to apply for Medically Essential Service. Please note that the medical condition must be certified by a physician licensed to practice in Florida. Electric service is considered essential if you're dependent on electric-powered equipment as specified by a physician to avoid:

- Loss of life
- Serious medical complications requiring immediate hospitalization

How to Apply

To join this service, complete the application [online](#) or [print](#) the Medically Essential Service form.

Power outage

- To report or track an outage: Call 1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243) or visit [FPL.com/outage](#)
- For the latest news and information: Follow FPL's restoration progress after the storm on [FPL.com](#)

Right Tree, Right Place

Trees and power lines don't mix. If trees or vegetation contact power lines, it could cause an outage. Check with FPL if you plan to plant a tree and report any tree growth under power lines in your yard. [Learn More](#).





In the Community

Recently, Commissioner Robert McKinzie, District 8 met with the Housing Options, Solutions, and Supports Division (HOSS-D) Team. The HOSS-D team sets out to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring in Broward County. They work collaboratively with stakeholders including housing and homeless service providers and partners. Commissioner McKinzie discussed the division's services and outreach efforts in partnership with the TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness, Code Enforcement and Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC).

Meetings Held In Your Neighborhood

Please check links below to review meeting schedules

- [Broward Municipal Services District Boulevard Gardens](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Roosevelt Gardens](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Broadview Park](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Washington Park](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Franklin Park](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Northern County](#)
- [Central County Community Advisory Board](#)

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