



Hurricane Season spans from June 1 through November 30.

Prepping for a hurricane when your area is under a tropical storm warning is stressful enough but trying to shop and collect needed items (e.g., gas, water, batteries) in that situation is no way to live in peace and harmony with your fellowmen. Multiply that by 100 if you have a full-time job or kids. Planning now will save you time, money, and an enormous amount of distress.

*Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest. Proverbs 20:4*

## PREPAREDNESS AND COMMUNICATION

Indian River County Emergency Services has provided these helpful resources to help with storm preparedness and communication as emergencies develop:

- **Disaster Preparedness Guide** - [read and download here](#)

It includes information on what you can do now to prepare for a storm, supplies to collect, flooding information, and emergency resources available to county residents.

- **Mobile Phone App** – [click here for info](#)
- **IRC Emergency Services on Social Media:**  
[Facebook](#)  
[Twitter](#)
- **IRC Emergency Alerts via text, email or phone** – [click here to register](#)

## EVACUATION SHELTERS

Shelters are available county-wide and location information is provided in the Disaster Preparedness Guide [or here](#), but if you have special medical needs or need to evacuate locally with your pets, please find more information here.

- **Special Needs Shelter**

If you qualify for this level of care, please pre-register with Indian River County Emergency Services using [this application](#) so that arrangements can be made during a non-stressful time.

The Special Needs Shelter is designated to provide medical support and care to persons who are need attentive care at a shelter, such as dialysis, oxygen dependence, nebulizer treatments, and Hospice patients. Our local Special Needs evacuation center is Treasure Coast Elementary School in Sebastian, FL. Online information can be found here:

<http://www.irces.com/EM/documents/Special-Needs-Brochure.pdf>

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- **Pet-Friendly Evacuation Shelter**

The local Humane Society has partnered with Indian River County to provide a safe option for people and their pets who reside in a mandatory evacuation zone and require provided shelter as a last resort.

Pre-registration using [this application](#) is strongly encouraged because the shelter is limited to first-come-first-served evacuees. This evacuation shelter is at Liberty Magnet School in northern Vero Beach.

Online information can be found here:

<http://www.irces.com/EM/documents/Pet-Shelter-Info.pdf>

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*The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it. Proverbs 22:3*

We are wise to be prepared for an emergency situation,  
if not for ourselves and families, then to be able to assist others who have a need.

- How to Build a Basic Disaster Supply Kit – [printable document](#)
- How to Build a Bigger Basic Disaster Supply Kit – [printable document](#)