

Buccaneer Estates Hurricane Guide



Buccaneer Club House after Hurricane Ian 2023



Hurricane evacuation zones are no longer referenced by storm category, but are now named by hurricane surge evacuation zones: A, B, C, D and E.

Evacuations are ordered by zones for storm surge and wind, in a phased manner. This means you may see the evacuation of zone A before you see any effects of the tropical storm.

Buccaneer Estates is in Zone B



Our closest shelters

NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER



Across Business 41
From Buccaneer at
2000 N. Recreation Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Be sure the shelter is open before you go. There are several shelters throughout Lee County. These are the closest. **All listed shelters will not be open for every storm.** Local radio and television stations will announce which shelters are open. We cannot predict how long you may have to remain at the shelter, since we cannot predict how damaging the effects of each storm will be. Food will be provided, but you should bring some food items with you for between meals, or in case you do not like what is being served. If you have diet restrictions or require specialty foods, you must bring those.

NORTH FORT MYERS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS



North on Business 41 and
west on Laurel Road
At 1856 Arts Way
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Hurricane Season is Here!

The following checklist was provided courtesy of the Florida Division of Emergency Management



DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

General

- ☐ At least two weeks supply of medication, medical supplies used regularly and a list of allergies
- ☐ List of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- ☐ Flashlight
Do not use candles and be sure to have enough batteries
- ☐ Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked radio, a NOAA weather radio
- ☐ Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/microchip info
- ☐ A carrier or cage
- ☐ Muzzle and leash
- ☐ Water and food bowls
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Supplies for your service animal

Clothing

- ☐ Include seasonal or rain gear and sturdy shoes or boots.

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Be sure to include specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and those family members with a disability.

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- ☐ Triangular bandages
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towelettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Tube of petroleum jelly
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medicine
- ☐ Antacid
- ☐ Laxative
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Q-tips

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
Enough for at least seven (7) days, nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Utensils
- ☐ Water (1 gallon per person)

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
 - ☐ Medical records
 - ☐ Bank numbers
 - ☐ Credit card numbers
 - ☐ Copy of social security card
 - ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
 - ☐ Other personal documents
Set of car, house, and office keys
 - ☐ Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
 - ☐ Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
 - ☐ Copy of will
- *Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers including: county emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contact, friends & family

COVID-19 Supplies

- ☐ Face masks
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer

June is the start of Florida's hurricane season and now is the time to prepare.

Be sure to buy plenty of water, waterproof sealable plastic storage bags for important papers and household items.

Have as much non-perishable food as possible on hand including canned meats, vegetables and fruits. Don't forget pet foods.

Use old milk jugs to store water for cleaning up afterwards and for use in toilets. Be sure to know your evacuation zone and nearest shelters. Pack a knapsack, backpack or any light piece of luggage to hold at least 4 days worth of necessities.

If you have family members who live in a sturdy home that can withstand the winds be sure to contact them and make arrangements.

Let trusted neighbors know if you are leaving in a disaster.

This is not our first hurricane season and it won't be our last.

For more information on the 2025 hurricane season you can go to:

www.noaa.gov

www.leegov.com/hurricane

www.winknews.com

If you have special needs, register with Lee County for assistance at:

Find a safe place to shelter in a hurricane

There are two shelters near Buccaneer: The NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER, 2000 Recreation Way. It is behind the North Fort Myers Library across the street from Buccaneer Estates.

The second nearby shelter is at the NORTH FORT MYERS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS, at 1856 Arts Way. It is north of Buccaneer off Laurel Lane going east and Garden Street to the north.

Category 1: Very dangerous winds will produce some damage. Well-constructed homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.

Category 2: Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage. Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.

Category 3: Devastating damage will occur. Well-built frame homes may incur major damage or



removal of roof decking and gable ends. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.

Category 4: Catastrophic damage will occur. Well-built frame homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls.

Most trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

Category 5: Catastrophic damages will occur. A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks, possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

CATEGORY	Wind Speed	Pressure (millibars)	Storm Surge	Damage
ONE	74-95 MPH	> 979	4-5 FEET	MINIMAL
TWO	96-110 MPH	979-965	6-8 FEET	MODERATE
THREE	111-130 MPH	964-945	9-12 FEET	EXTREME
FOUR	131-155 MPH	944-920	13-18 FEET	EXTREME
FIVE	155 + MPH	<920	>18 FEET	EXTENSIVE

Hurricane Special Needs

The Special Needs Program is available to all Lee County residents at no cost. It provides shelter for those who live in a home and/or area that is not safe from storm surge or wind and who have no other safe place to go. It also provides transportation to a shelter if they have no way to get there. You must register for the Special Needs services.

The Special Needs Program does not guarantee you will be assigned a space in the Special Needs Medical Shelter. Your application will be reviewed by the Department of Health and you may be assigned a shelter.

Some things you should know about the Special Needs program:

- You must update your information every year.
- Lee County will stop processing applications when the county enters the five-day forecast cone of a storm, so submit your application early in the season.
- Not every shelter will open. Only those safe from storm surge and wind for each particular storm will open.
- Emergency Public Shelters are open to everyone and do not require pre-registration.
- Bring to the shelter things you need to survive, such as prescriptions, personal hygiene items, sleeping bag, cot, pillow, change of clothes, glasses, special dietary needs, books/magazines/cards or other things to help pass the time while sheltering.
- Food and water will be provided, but we suggest you bring some food and drinks with you.
- Service animals are allowed in all shelters.

You can bring your dog or cat to shelter with you at the General Population and Special Medical Needs Shelters. They will be housed and sleep in a different area from you, but you will have access to them for feeding, walking and spending time.

What you need to know about the Special Medical Needs Shelter:

- The Special Medical Needs Shelter will be open for those with medical needs that require electricity, such as oxygen dependence, dialysis, ventilators, nebulizers, etc.
- You must pre-register for the Special Medical Needs Shelter using the application above.
- You need a companion/caregiver to accompany you during the time you shelter, as we have a limited number of staff working.
- After a shelter has been assigned to you by Dept. of Health, you will receive a confirmation letter and instructions to advise what to expect if shelters are opening.

You will receive a call to let you know when we are opening the Special Medical Needs Shelter.

If you have questions about the Special Needs Program, call 239-533-0640.

Protecting your pets in a hurricane



In a hurricane, pets are subjected to the same hazards as people and have many of the same needs. Evacuating to a friend's home or pet-friendly hotel outside of the evacuation zone would be a good plan. If that isn't available, you can bring your cat or dog to our Pet-Friendly Shelter.

Pet-Friendly shelters will be open in every storm; locations may vary.

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) manages this shelter. It is first-come, first-served, and there is no pre-registration required. You must shelter at the school with your pet (in other words, you cannot drop your pet at the shelter and leave). Owners are responsible for feeding, exercising and cleaning up after their pets.

Your pet will need a Hurricane Disaster Kit, too. It should include water, non-perishable food, medications and clean-up supplies. You will need a crate or carrier, collar and leash, and up-to-date vaccination records for your pet. Having a recent photo of your pet will be helpful if you get separated.

Remember:

- Never leave your pets outside during a storm.
- Never leave a cat with a dog, even if the two are normally friends.
- Confine and keep small pets (birds, hamsters, etc.) away from cats and dogs.
- Dangerous animals should be secured in special crates or cages.

LCDAS has a website on hurricane preparedness for your pets, filled with tips and information on how to get your pets ready. <https://www.leegov.com/animalservices/safety/hurricane>

For details call Lee County Animal Services at 239-533-7387, or go to www.LeeLostPets.com.



CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

For more information on CERT at Buccaneer Estates, contact Art Harris at 585-260-2057

Or Joe D'Adamo at 609-425-3890

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhoods and workplaces following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

For other North Fort Myers CERT Team, please contact Christi Fulton at 239-731-1931 ext. 210 or at c.fulton@northfortmyersfire.com

- Buccaneer Estates
- Del Tura Country Club
- Fountain View
- Herons Glen
- Horizon Village
- LakeArrowhead
- Lake Fairways
- OLD Bridge Village
- Pine Lakes
- SabalSprings
- Serendipity
- Six Lakes Country Club'
- Suncoast
- Tara Woods



The North Fort Myers Fire Department wants to remind you if are currently living in your home to always keep your hurricane shutters up in case of emergency. If a fire breaks you may need to escape through those windows. It can save your life.

