

Delkus Towers Condominium Association, Inc. **Hurricane Preparedness and Safety Information**

Insurance

Review your unit's insurance policy regarding coverage for temporary housing and the loss assessment clause, which specifically covers your personal share of a special assessment if the community's master insurance policy cannot fully cover a major property repair or liability lawsuit.

Down Power Lines

Stay away and do not touch downed power lines. Stay away from standing water that may have active electrical currents. Although you may be without power in your home/business, it does not mean the lines are not active.

Report downed lines to 1-800-4OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243)

Miami-Dade County 305.442.8770 * www.fpl.com

Poison Control

After a hurricane or other natural disaster, poison control centers traditionally experience an increase in poisoning calls.

For more information go to 1.800.222.1222

www.floridapoisoncontrol.org

Insects

Uprooted insects and mosquitoes thrive in post-storm conditions. If you are without power, it is likely you will have windows and doors open for periods of time. Use mosquito repellant and nets and spray entrance areas with insect killers.

Prevent the sting and spread of mosquitoes — **Drain and Cover**

Drain any standing water.

Check for standing water in the following locations:

- Gutters Garbage Cans Saucers and lids Pool and spa cover
- Open containers such as flower pots and empty drums or cans
- Old tires Birdbaths Pet bowls (even indoors) Bromeliads
- Pools (maintain optimum chemistry; don't let your pool go green)

Cover your skin with socks, shoes, long pants, and long sleeves when mosquitoes are active.

- Use mosquito repellant
- Check the active ingredients
- Effective ingredients include; DEET (Use the smallest concentration possible) / Lemon eucalyptus oil / IR3535.
- Cover doors and windows with screen

Generators

DO NOT operate a generator indoors, on balconies, or near open windows. This is a Fire Department Code and a Building Regulation.

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Getting Around

Driving is strongly discouraged in the aftermath of the storm while crews assess damage, and city officials determine if streets are safe. If you must travel, drive slowly, remain aware of your surroundings, treat all intersections as four-way stops, and be prepared for potential road restrictions or curfews.

According to the CDC, over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. Because many local roadways are adjacent to bodies of water, boundaries may be impossible to see during a flood. Please turn around instead of driving through these areas.

Additionally, do not walk or play in flooded water. Standing water poses a severe risk of electrocution from downed power lines and can harbor dangerous diseases, pests, snakes and contaminants.

Food

If you are concerned that your food may have spoiled when in doubt, throw it out. For additional food safety information, call Miami-Dade County Florida Department of Health. **305.623.3500** **miamidade.floridahealth.gov**.

Sun and Heat Exposure

You will be exposed to more heat and sun, especially if you are without power. Wear sunscreen, drink plenty of water, and try to keep cool by staying under shelter. It is important that you wear protective clothing. A portable, battery-powered fan will make you feel more comfortable.

Other Resources

Disaster assistance is available from various organizations providing food, shelter, supplies, and cleanup support. For severe disasters, the federal government offers temporary housing, counseling, low-interest loans, and grants once assessments are completed. Most federal aid, including support for small businesses and farmers, becomes available after the President declares a "Major Disaster" at a governor's request. FEMA will share application details through local media and community outreach.

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Important Resources for Emergencies: DIAL 911

PLEASE DO NOT OVERLOAD 911 EXCEPT FOR ACTUAL EMERGENCIES

- **Miami Dade EOC:** www.miamidade.gov/global/emergency/home.page
- **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** 305.513.7700 • TDD: 305.468.5402 http://miamidade.gov/apps/gis/eeap_publicregistration/
- **MIAMI BEACH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** 305.673.7736
- **ANSWER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CENTER:** 311 • 305.468.5900 www.miamidade.gov/global/emergency/home.page
- **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA):** 11.800.621.3362 • TTY: 1.800.462.7585 www.fema.gov/assistance
- **CITY OF MIAMI BEACH INFORMATION:** 305.604.CITY • www.miamibeachfl.gov
- **STATE OF FLORIDA EMERGENCY INFORMATION LINE:** 1.800.342.3557

- **Dept of Health:** www.dadehealth.org.dadehealth.org
- **MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT:** 305.673.7900
- **MIAMI BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT:** 305.673.7120
- **FDLE:** www.fdle.state.fl.us - Florida Department of Law Enforcement

- **CERT AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:** 305.673.7736 • www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/fire/emergency-management/cert-information/
- **FAMILY SOCIAL SERVICES:** 211 • www.miamidade.gov/global/socialservices/home.page
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS:** 305.644.1200 • www.redcross.org
- **SALVATION ARMY:** 305.456.5850 • 1.800.SAL.ARMY • salvationarmyusa.org

- **POISON CONTROL:** 1.800.222.1222 • www.floridapoisoncontrol.org
- **FOOD SAFETY:** 305.623.3500 • <https://miamidade.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-public-health/food-hygiene/>

Utilities

- **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL):** 1.800.4.OUTAGE • www.fpl.com • 305.442.8770 (Miami-Dade County)
- **AT&T:** 611
- **CITY GAS:** 305.693.4311 • www.floridacitygas.com
- **TECO PEOPLE'S GAS:** 305.940.0139 • www.peoplesgas.com
- **BREEZELINE:** 1.888.536.9600

Coast Guard: www.uscg.mil

Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov

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The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with peak activity typically occurring in September. Because tropical systems can intensify or change direction rapidly, please review the following essential preparedness information to ensure you are ready year-round.

Key Weather Terms:

- Tropical Wave: Low-pressure area with potential to develop into stormy weather.
- Tropical Depression: Organized clouds/thunderstorms with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph or less.
- Tropical Storm: Organized thunderstorms maximum sustained winds of 39–73 mph.
- Hurricane: Intense tropical system maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

Forecast Alerts:

- Hurricane Watch: A hurricane may strike the area within 48 hours.
- Hurricane Warning: A hurricane is expected to strike the area within 36 hours.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale:

- Category 1: 74–95 mph
- Category 2: 96–110 mph
- Category 3: 111–130 mph
- Category 4: 131–155 mph
- Category 5: Greater than 155 mph

News and Weather Stations

- National Weather Service – www.weather.gov
- NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration www.noaa.gov
- Weather Underground – www.wunderground.com

The City of Miami Beach does not distribute re-entry hang-tags.

Condominiums are encouraged to register their Emergency Response Teams with the City's Division of Emergency Management for training and directives. Additionally, critical service personnel must carry employee identification and employer proof of necessity to present at law enforcement checkpoints following an evacuation.

For questions, please contact the Miami Beach Office of Emergency Management at 305.673.7736 or the Miami Beach Police Department at 305.673.7900.

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PREPARATION AND EVACUATION

- Please complete the following preparations to secure your property as soon as possible:
- Outdoor Areas & Balconies: Bring inside all signs, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas, and loose structures. Balconies must be cleared. Residents are responsible for hiring someone to secure your unit.
- Windows & Doors: Board up windows and glass doors. Do not tape them and ensure none are left ajar. (Note: Unsecured neighboring apartments or condos can still cause damage).
- Supplies & Fuel: Fill all prescriptions and vehicle gas tanks.
- Electronics & Appliances: Unplug TVs and computers, bring antennas and satellite dishes inside, and set your refrigerator to its coldest setting.
- Interior Preparation: Move furniture and electronics away from windows, cover them with plastic, and close all curtains, blinds, and shutters.
- Valuables: Store valuables in waterproof containers in a high place.
- Utilities: Turn off gas appliances at the inside shut-off valve and shut off the main water and electricity.
- Pool: Add extra chlorine, turn off electricity to pool equipment, & cover the pump.:
- Pets: Ensure pets are in a temporary shelter. Some evacuation shelters allow pets. **Check with the City for current locations.**

EMERGENCY SUITCASE

In the event of an evacuation or natural disaster, please prepare an emergency suitcase to take to a shelter, ensuring all important documents are sealed in a waterproof container. You should also bring your own non-perishable food, as some shelters do not provide it, and keep extra supplies at home for your return.

Recommended items to pack:

- Important documents (proof of residency/business, ID, insurance policies, utility bills, certificates, bank/mortgage details)
- Prescription copies, medications, and personal items (toiletries, dentures, hearing aids, eyeglasses)
- Contact information for family, friends, physicians, pharmacies, caregivers, and business contacts.
 - Property photos (for insurance claims)
 - Blankets, pillows, toiletries, and a change of clothing
 - Battery-powered radio or TV with extra batteries
 - Cooler with ice, water, and non-perishable food
 - Children's toys, books, and activities

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PARKING FOR HURRICANE & TROPICAL STORM

During hurricanes and tropical storms, participating Miami Beach municipal parking garages will be available for residents to safeguard vehicles.

Access begins upon a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning, or a Miami-Dade County evacuation order. The program remains in effect until the city manager determines the city has returned to normal operations.

For more information, please contact the Parking Department at 305.673.7505.

SHELTERS

Miami Beach and coastal communities **do not** have hurricane shelters. During an evacuation, the American Red Cross and partner agencies operate temporary mainland shelters at locations determined by the Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations.

Please note these shelters do not provide long-term housing; post-disaster needs will be assessed by local emergency managers. Once an evacuation is ordered, please call 311 for the active shelter or listen to TV broadcasts.

EVACUATION BUS STOPS AND SPECIAL NEEDS

The City of Miami Beach will begin evacuation procedures once a state and county order is issued. Residents without off-island arrangements are urged to go to a Red Cross hurricane shelter.

Miami-Dade Transit will provide free bus transportation to mainland shelters from 21 Miami Beach pick-up locations. These buses will display a special evacuation notice on the front and run continuous routes until tropical-storm-force winds arrive. Please note that pets are not allowed on these buses or at general population shelters.

For additional information go to <https://miamidade.gov/hurricane>.

If you or your family members require specialized transportation, have medical needs that prevent independent evacuation, or need evacuation assistance, please pre-register with the Miami-Dade County **Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program** as soon as possible. You can register or update your information through this voluntary program by calling 3-1-1.

RE-ENTRY

Re-entry tags for condominium managers or designated association parties are handled by the Miami Beach Police Department. Condominium associations must designate and register Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) from staff and residents to handle damage assessment and building safety. Contact the Miami Beach Office of Emergency Management at 305.673.7736 or DEM@miamibeachfl.gov.

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PETS

Do not leave your pets unattended at home or tied outside during a hurricane; include them in your evacuation plans. Miami-Dade County offers pet-friendly evacuation centers (up to three pets per family) as a last resort on a first-come, first-served basis:

- Fuchs Pavilion – Miami-Dade County Fair and Expo Center (10901 SW 24 Street)
- Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School (1410 NE 215 Street)

Contact the City for current locations

Admission is not guaranteed. You must bring a completed application, proof of updated vaccinations, and medical history. Please do not arrive at any center before they are officially announced as open.

Ensure your pets have proper identification, a comfortable environment, and a two-week supply of food and water. For complete safety information and the application, call 311 or visit the MDC Pet-friendly Evacuation System web page. Additional information is attached.

The City of Miami Beach offers several ways to stay informed about neighborhood events and emergencies:

NOTIFICATIONS

- Email: Subscribe for event notifications. If you already subscribe, you can update your preferences by re-entering your email in the subscription prompt or clicking "Change Profile" at the bottom of any city email.
- Phone: Register your phone with MBAAlert to receive calls during emergencies.
- Social Media: Follow Twitter (MiamiBeachNews) and Facebook (City of Miami Beach) for updates or watch videos on YouTube.

RE-ENTRY

Following any evacuation order, please strictly adhere to all curfews and instructions from Miami Beach Police at city entry points. Local emergency officials will determine when the area is safe for return, and official re-entry announcements will be broadcast exclusively through local media and the official Miami Beach Twitter account.

Re-entry will occur in phases, starting with first responders conducting damage assessments. Note that the previous business hang-tag program is no longer in effect.

To facilitate your return under extreme circumstances, all residents and business employees should carry the following documentation:

- Driver's license
- Proof of employment (employer credentials or letterhead)
- Demonstrated need to enter the area (work order or inventory list)

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ERT – EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The hotel and condominium Emergency Response Team (ERT) is offering a 24-hour Workplace CERT training course using the FEMA Basic Training Curriculum. This training equips employees with skills to perform basic disaster response operations, helping protect the health and safety of everyone at our property.

The course is offered across a combination of days and hours. To register, please use the link below, call 305.673.7736, or email DEM@miamibeachfl.gov