

**FORT MYERS BEACH  
FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**



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# Media Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

As the 2008 Hurricane season approaches the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District would like to remind our residents and visitors that now is the time to review their evacuation and natural disaster plans. The 2008 Hurricane season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and ends November 30<sup>th</sup> 2008. According to the National Hurricane Center, disaster plans should include a supply kit, a plan for your family, a place to go in the event of an evacuation, as well as a plan to secure your home during a tropical storm or hurricane. FMBFCD encourages that citizens discuss the type of hazards that could affect their family. Residents should know their home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Residents, who use generators during power outages after storms, should take the opportunity to make sure their generators are in proper working condition.

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Residents should consider including the following items in a Hurricane supply kit:

- Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food** - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
  - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
  - foods for infants or the elderly
  - snack foods
  - non-electric can opener
  - cooking tools / fuel
  - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.**
- Clothing** - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs**
- Special Items** - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes**
- Flashlight / Batteries**
- Radio** - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones** - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards** - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys**
- Toys, Books and Games**
- Important documents** - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
  - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled**

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**Pet care items**

- proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water
- a carrier or cage
- muzzle and leash

For more information residents should visit the National Hurricane Center's website

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov> or the Department of Homeland Security's emergency readiness

website <http://www.ready.gov>.