



HURRICANE SEASON 2011

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The predictions for 2011 are for a “more than average” storm season. The frequency and number of tornados along with flooding have already made 2011 a year for the record books. As we enter Hurricane Season (June 1st), the warmth of the Gulf water at this time of year could help encourage more and stronger storm activity than in past years. So... while we have the chance, tack down those loose dock boards in preparation for high tides; and, trim the trees to help protect them against strong winds. Let’s hope the storm predictions are wrong; but, it still only takes one that could change our lifestyle significantly.

There are many well written articles and Hurricane Guides for Pinellas County that focus on hurricane preparedness, important phone numbers, evacuation procedures, available Shelters, post disaster re-entry permits, etc. The guides are updated annually, and distributed through the news media, NRB Town Hall, Post Office locations, home improvement stores and Pinellas County offices. Pick one up, and keep it close. You are responsible for your safety, the safety of your family, pets and property.

Once you have obtained a Hurricane Guide, follow the instructions on how to register for a Special Needs Shelter, a Pet Friendly Shelter or transportation to a Shelter. Local Fire Support and Pinellas County Emergency Management need to know who/what/where and the support requirements so they can plan the logistics. Make sure you fill out the appropriate forms to request support (in addition to the reference in the Hurricane Guides, copies of all forms will be available at NRB Town Hall). Fill the forms out early.

When/if a storm threat is eminent, or an evacuation order has been issued, Pinellas County (through the news media) will announce which Shelters are open and those supporting special needs and/or pets. Shelters are identified and mapped in the Hurricane Guides. A Shelter should be a last resort; make arrangements to stay with family, friends or in a safe hotel/motel. Shelters are not comfortable and they are crowded; but, they help save lives.

NRB Residents “need to know”:

Emergency Management phone numbers listed in the Hurricane Guides will be activated upon the threat of a storm.
Town Hall phone number: 727-391-4848

Town Hall issues re-entry permits; they do not need to be renewed annually. Get one now. Once a storm threatens our area, resources will be focused on protection and preservation, not on issuing passes.

Hurricane Guides and forms for Special Needs, Pets and/or transportation will be available at Town Hall.
If a storm threatens, sand bags will be available at Town Hall.

Help your neighbor; if you think your neighbor may need assistance in the event of an evacuation, call Town Hall well in advance of the requirement.

NRB is LEVEL A (“first to go”)

Our evacuation route is north on Gulf Boulevard to Park Boulevard.
LEVEL A Special Needs and Pet Friendly designated Shelter:
Oak Grove MS, 1370 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater

We made the choice of residing in our beautiful beach community with known risks associated with living on a barrier

island; and, it is our responsibility to be prepared for the 2011 hurricane season. Have a plan.