## **Emergency Information**

Hurricane season stretches for half the year in Florida, from June through November. That's a huge and worrying window of disaster that dwarfs even monsoon season in India, which falls between June and September. The real danger zone for hurricanes in Florida is August to October. You can take steps to be

prepared and to receive alerts.

• Download the LeePrepares app on your phone (Use Play Store for android devices and App Store for iPhones or Google Play for either.) This app provides a wealth of information, such as Disaster Assistance Centers, FEMA resources, the Blue Roof Program, shelter information, After the Disaster information, and local weather.

• From there, you can also download which provides critical and time-sensitive emergencies such as hurricanes, wildfires, missing persons. By registering for AlertLee, you can receive alerts via cell phone by voice or text, email addresses, home phone, business phone and more.

- Prepare a Family Emergency Plan
- Use this <u>Emergency Supplies Checklist</u> to prepare.

If you evacuated out of the area, consider the following before you return:

- Power may be out for a long time this means no air conditioning, lights, refrigeration, water, toilet flushing, or cooking.
- Telephone service may be out or limited and the internet may be out or limited, texting may still work though.
- County/Municipal water supplies may be unsafe to drink without boiling or chemical treatment.
- Sewer lift stations may not work, meaning toilets will not flush, sinks will not drain, and they may back up into your home.
- Many big box and grocery stores will not be able to re-open right away, even if they have generators.

When the power is off for long periods of time, many people turn to emergency generators to power freezers, refrigerators, lights, fans, and other appliances. Use extreme caution when operating a generator, read the manufacturer's safety and operating instructions. Keep generators well away from windows, and DO NOT bring them inside the house or garage to operate.



- American Red Cross has multiple resources, including finding open shelters, locating and contacting loved ones, etc.
- <u>Wildfires and Burn Bans</u> is an important site containing information about wildfires, burn bans, smoke/air quality, fire safety, and much more.

