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PREPARING FOR THE 2023 HURRICANE SEASON

Dear Friend,

Many of our Broward County neighbors are still struggling with the historic flooding and severe storms we just faced this spring, but another dangerous weather threat is upon us: Florida's hurricane season starts in June.

We must not drop our defenses. That is why I am sharing vital preparation information to reduce the harm these seasonal storms inflict on our lives and property.

Meanwhile I will keep supporting policies to combat global warming and the stronger, more frequent severe weather events it produces. Working with President Biden, Congress passed a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as well as the Inflation Reduction Act, that invests billions into coastal resilience, weather forecasting, and clean energy measures to address this threat.

Hurricanes wreak real havoc, often with lethal consequences. It is vital that every South Florida family and business create a storm plan. Remember: The better we prepare, the safer we will all be.

Please be safe,

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Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz inspects damage in Hollywood after Hurricane Irma.

The Wasserman Schultz Hurricane Checklist:



- Sign up for local alerts and warnings
- Prepare a 'go bag' of emergency supplies
- Discuss family evacuation plan. Know where to go, how to get there, including pets. Share plans with people beyond the storm
- Check in advance on family, friends, lodging availability and pet-friendly options. Build time to help elderly neighbors
- Inventory key possessions, review home insurance policies, video inside and outside your home
- Copy and store all vital documents in a safe place
- Fortify home: trim trees, secure loose items outside, declutter drains/gutters, shutter windows/doors, turn off propane tanks
- Charge cell phones and devices, write down emergency, family and other contact numbers you no longer memorize
- Ensure car is in good working condition, with a full tank of gas

Hurricane Preparedness Kit:

Prepare 2 kits. One to shelter in place with 2 weeks of supplies, and one to quickly evacuate (3 days' supplies). Have these basics:

- Adequate supply of non-perishable food and drinking water (1 gallon per person, per day), and prescription drugs. Don't forget pet food
- Phone/device chargers, can opener, scissors, matches, candles, battery-run radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid items, soap, cleaning and disinfectant supplies
- COVID face masks for adults, hand sanitizer with 60%+ alcohol content, and disinfectant wipes
- Cash and waterproof container for vital documents
- Clean clothes for 7 days
- Hygiene, personal care items, glasses, a 30-day supply of medicine



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American Red Cross Hurricane Hotline	(954) 797-3800
Animal Care & Regulation	(954) 359-1313
Emergency Hotline	(954) 831-4000 or 311
Emergency Management Division	(954) 831-3900
Broward Special Needs Registry	(954) 831-3902

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National Hurricane Center:
www.nhc.noaa.gov

National Weather Service:
www.nws.noaa.gov

FEMA:
www.fema.gov or call (800) 621-3362

For police, fire or medical assistance during any emergency, please dial 911.

HURRICANE SEASON FAST FACTS:

- Hurricanes are lethal, but even slow, plodding tropical storms are deceptively dangerous, producing tornadoes and more rain and flooding than fast-moving tempests
- Hurricanes mostly occur from June to November, but peak season is August to October
- Florida's southeast coast is most susceptible to landfalls
- Approximately 90% of all deaths in hurricanes worldwide are from drowning, in either the storm surges or flooding
- In the last decade, Florida saw 10 major extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$227 billion in damages

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Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz reviews hurricane preparedness plans as last year's severe storm season began.

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