

NOKP Disaster Planning Special Edition

As with every hurricane season, regardless of the forecast, knowing the essentials of how to prepare could truly be a lifesaver. You need to have a preparedness plan in place that you can activate quickly.

This special edition of the NOKP has been put together not only to help you get prepared, but also to help you know your hurricane facts and understand common terms used during hurricane forecasts. Storm conditions can vary on the intensity,

size, and even the angle which the tropical cyclone approaches your area, so it is vital you understand what the forecasters and news reporters are telling you.

Inside you will find information about such terminology along with other important information on preparing and making a plan, what to do before, during and after the storm, evacuation zones, important resources and much, much more.

Kings Point Disaster Planning Committee

Hurricane season can be stressful, but you can rest assured that the Kings Point Disaster Planning Committee has a comprehensive plan in place for the community. With each year, the committee is dialing in on more and more details to ensure all of our basis are covered.

The committee is bringing in other leaders in the community like HCSO, SCC Emergency Squad, CERT, and South Bay Hospital to get a better understanding of their disaster plan and the role they will play in Kings Point in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm.

The committee will keep you updated throughout the hurricane season through a series of e-blasts containing a great deal of important useful information so please be sure you are signed up with the Master Association, Vesta, or FirstService to receive these important updates.

All e-blast communications, contents of this special edition, and links to important resources can be found at www.kpmaster.com/disasterplanning. The website will be updated frequently throughout the season.

Kings Point Disaster Planning Committee Members

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Evacuation Zones vs. Flood Zones Two different designations for two different purposes

Source: Hillsborough County Emergency Management

Though they are often mistaken for each other, Flood Zones and Evacuation Zones are two very different things that measure very different conditions. So what's the difference? And when do you use them? Here is what you need to know:

Flood Zones

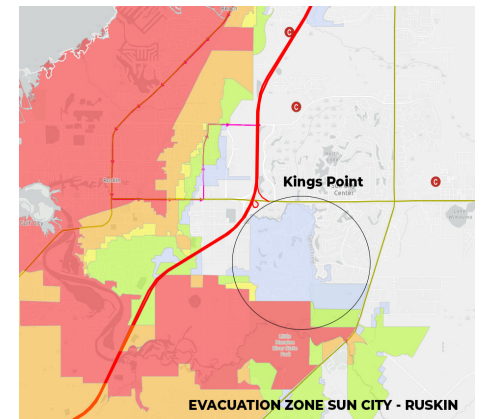
These federally identified zones indicate a property's risk for flooding at any time of the year, including as a result of heavy or steady rain. This zone has nothing to do with hurricanes or other emergencies, and everything to do with your property insurance and building requirements. Nationally, these zones are classified as Zones A (Special Flood Hazard Area), B, C, D, V and X. Every property is in a flood zone.

When to check the Flood Zone Map:

- You own, rent, or are buying a new property and don't know if you need flood insurance
- You refinance or get a mortgage
- You need building permits for work on your property

Evacuation Zones

These are the areas that officials may order evacuated during a hurricane. These zones are mapped by the National Hurricane Center and indicate areas that will be affected by storm surge (storm-driven waves that can inundate a community and threaten lives). Zones in Hillsborough County are identified from A - E.



EVACUATION ZONE SUN CITY - RUSKIN

When to check the Evacuation Zone Map:

- Before hurricane season to make sure your family is prepared
- During a hurricane or major storm, to know if you should evacuate
- You live in a low-lying area or near a stream, pond or body of water.

Did You Know?

The evacuation zones for Hillsborough County have changed this year? Kings Point is now in Evacuation Zone E. A special guest speaker from Hillsborough County Emergency Management will be coming to Kings Point to inform residents about how this change will affect the Kings Point Community at the next Master Association Board Meeting on July 13th at 9:30am in the Veterans Theater.

All residents are encouraged to attend.

Interactive Flood and Evacuation Route Maps Available at www.hillsboroughcounty.org; search Evacuation or Flood Zone

Stay or Go? Evacuating During a Storm

Having a plan means knowing when you can safely stay and when it's time to go. Check here for a guide:

1. Has Hillsborough County ordered an evacuation?

NO
If there's no evacuation order, you can safely shelter in place no matter where you are.



YES
See question 2

2. Do you live in a mobile or manufactured home?

NO
See question 3

YES
Go! Mobile and manufactured homes are considered zone A and must evacuate when an order is called. Consider the options under question 4 when making your evacuation plan.

3. Do you live in an evacuation zone?

NO
You will not be ordered to evacuate. Shelter in place and consider hosting friends and family that may need to evacuate.

I don't know
Find your evacuation zone at HCFLLGov.net/StaySafe. Remember, evacuation zones are different than flood zones.

YES
See question 4

4. Was your zone ordered to evacuate?

NO
Shelter in place and consider hosting friends and family that may need to evacuate.



YES
It's time to go! When evacuating, it's important to have a plan. Consider the following options from first to last when setting your plan.

1. Reach out to family and friends outside the evacuation zone to see if they can host you.

2. Hotels and motels outside of the evacuation zone are great options for evacuating.

3. If you have no other option, go to an local emergency shelter. **This should be the last resort.**

FirstService Residential non-medical emergency 813.642.8990

When life and property are in immediate jeopardy dial 911

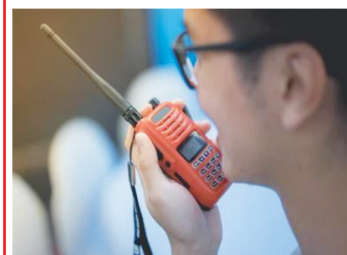
SCC Emergency Squad Ambulance	813.634.3800 Nonemergency 813.633.1411
SCC Community Resource Deputy	Deputy Jeff Merry 813.242.5515
Kings Point Chief of Gate Security	Pete Doxsee 813.387.3461
Kings Point Front Gate	813.634.2063 or 813.343.7588 or 813.918.3363
Hillsborough County Emergency Management (for post-disaster assistance)	813.272.6600
Animal Control	813.744.5660
Water or wastewater emergency	813.744.5600
SCC Radio Room	813.642.2071
SCC Emergency VHF Amateur Radio	147.225 MHz
CB Channel #1	26.965 MHz
Sun City Center Emergency Squad Public Information Officer	813.633.1411

Disaster Radio Service

Fire, Flood, Hurricane, Accident, Tornado

COMMUNICATIONS OUT!

Landlines, Cell Phones and the Internet will not work!



With the FRS Handheld Two-Way Radio you can still get help!



DISASTER RADIO SERVICE (DRS)

- Low cost emergency communications serving the Kings Point and Sun City Center communities
- Handheld two-way radio (\$15 each)
- No license needed, easy to use
- Radio practice is held every Wednesday morning @ 9 am by the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club

To acquire the FRS Handheld Radio

- Contact the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club located in the North Clubhouse on the east end of the building
- Visit DRS.KPARC.org for more information on the program

1900 Clubhouse Drive Sun City Center, FL 33573

www.kparc.org

This handout is not a replacement for any governmental (Federal, State, or Local) information or instruction you may receive before, during, or after a severe weather event. All residents should follow the directions of governmental entities.

What To Do Before-During-After the Storm

Source: NOAA – Houston/Galveston Texas Office

WHEN IN A WATCH AREA

- Frequently listen to radio, TV (local and cable), and NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins of the storm's progress.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Prepare to cover all window and door openings with shutters or other shielding materials.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.
- Prepare to bring inside lawn furniture and other loose, light-weight objects, such as garbage cans, garden tools, etc.
- Have on hand an extra supply of cash.

WHEN IN A WARNING AREA

- Closely monitor radio, TV (local and cable), and NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- Complete preparation activities, such as putting up storm shutters, storing loose objects, etc.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if told to do so!
- If evacuating. Leave early (if possible, in daylight). Stay with friends or relatives, at a low-rise inland hotel/motel, or (as a last resort) go to a pre-designated public shelter outside a flood zone.

- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
 - Put food and water out for a pet if you cannot take it with you.
- Most public health regulations do not allow pets in public shelters, nor do most hotels/motels allow them.

IF STAYING AT HOME

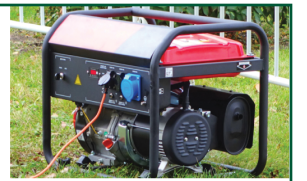
- Only stay in a home if you have NOT been ordered to leave.
- Stay inside a well constructed building. In structures, such as a home, examine the building and plan in advance what you will do if winds become strong. Strong winds can produce deadly missiles and structural failure.
- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities. Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.

IF WINDS BECOME STRONG

- Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- If you are in a two-story house, go

Portable Generators

When a disaster cuts off electricity in your neighborhood, a portable generator can be your best friend. Or, it can cause serious harm. If you rely on a generator to provide power in an outage, it's critical to know how to use it properly.



Do	Don't
Run your machine a few times during the year, to ensure its ready when you need it.	Place a running generator inside your home or garage. The exhaust is deadly.
Have plenty of fresh fuel to power your generator.	Store fuel in your home or garage near fire hazards.
Check the oil and use heavy-duty, properly grounded extension cords.	Connect a generator to your home electrical box or exceed the wattage of your generator's capacity without the help of a licensed electrician.

- to an interior first-floor room, such as bathroom or closet.
- If you are in a multiple-story building and away from the water, go to the first or second floors and take refuge in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows.
- Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

PLAN TO EVACUATE IF YOU

- Live on the coastline, an offshore island, or near a river or a flood plain.
- Live in a high-rise. Hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.

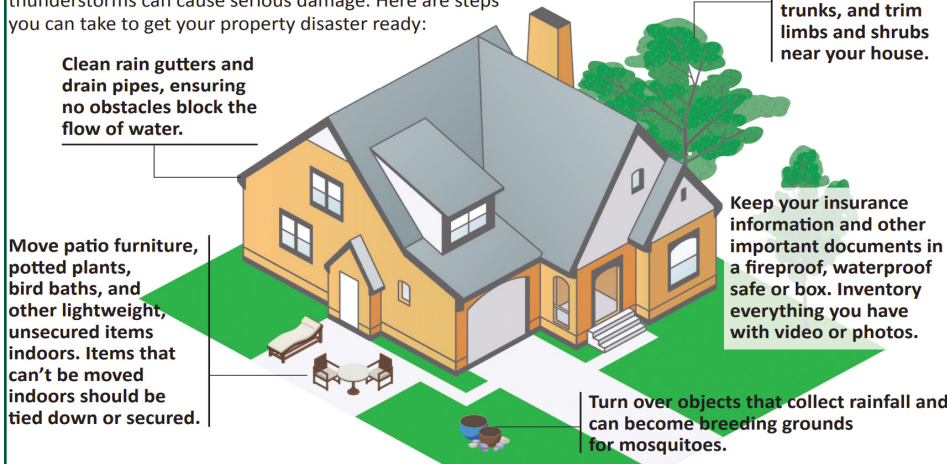
AFTER THE STORM

- Keep listening to radio, TV (local or cable), and NOAA Weather Radio.
- Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- Roads may be closed for your

- protection. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, turn around and go another way!
- Avoid weakened bridges and washed out roads. Do not drive into flooded areas!
- Stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet.
- Standing water may be electricity charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Check gas, water, and electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until you are certain it is not contaminated.
- Avoid using candles and other open flames indoors. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage.
- Use the telephone to report life-threatening emergencies only.

Prepare Your Property

Hurricanes, tropical systems, and even intense afternoon thunderstorms can cause serious damage. Here are steps you can take to get your property disaster ready:



- If you see a downed power line, do not touch it. Do not touch tree limbs or other objects touching a power line
- Do not attempt to tie generators into the house circuit. This can be dangerous to you, your neighbors, and to linemen. Plug appliances directly into the generator
- Should the power go out while you are cooking, remember to turn the stove off and remove any cookware from the cooking surfaces and oven
- Do not open refrigerators or freezers during an outage unless absolutely necessary. Repeated openings cause the cold air to escape and food to thaw more quickly
- If you smell gas, leave your home immediately and call power company

Important Things To Keep In Mind

Let your association know that you are leaving and who will have access to your home for emergency access

- You are responsible for your own safety and security.
- Kings Point is now in the Hillsborough County designated Evacuation Zone E.
- Emergency services are suspended when wind speeds reach 35 MPH—no one will come to your rescue until after a storm and it is safe to travel.
- The Main and South Gates will not be staffed once the wind speeds reach 35 MPH. Security Staff will be sent home for their safety, and no one will answer the phones until it is safe to return to the Gate Houses.
- The Master Association will begin clearing the roads as soon as it is determined to be safe for the workers to get to Kings Point.
- The Kings Point Clubhouses (Main & South Clubhouses, 2020 Centre, Cyber Café, Gate Houses, etc.) are NOT shelters and will be closed before the storm and will not reopen until they are deemed safe for occupancy.
- The Kings Point Association's Insurance has arranged for Disaster Response Contractors to begin evaluation and restoration to damaged Association buildings.
- Do not turn off your natural gas, but if you do smell gas call 877-832-6747
- The irrigation system will be suspended when a tropical storm warning issued.

Prepare for Hurricanes

Source: www.ready.gov

Make an Emergency Plan

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the office, kids' day care, and anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

Know your Evacuation Zone

You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay.

Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies, and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts

Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

Those with Disabilities

Identify if you may need additional help during an emergency if you or anyone else in your household is an individual with a disability.

Review Important Documents

Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home

De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, and consider hurricane shutters.

Get Tech Ready

Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Help your Neighborhood

Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others

Gather Supplies

Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.

Stay Informed

Pay attention to emergency information and alerts. If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.

Dealing with the Weather

- Determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding.
- Take refuge in a designated storm shelter or an interior room for high winds.
- Go to the highest level of the building if you are trapped by flooding. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Follow local officials for directions and latest updates.



If sheltering in place, be aware the winds roar gets very loud and no one can come and get you after winds reach 35 mph. Make a plan in advance.

Hillsborough County Evacuation Shelter Information

General Population Shelter Information

Source: Hillsborough County Emergency Management

These shelters are intended to provide immediate protection and save the lives of those in the path of a catastrophic and deadly storm. It's important to have a plan – shelters are not resorts. If you do need to shelter in a County evacuation shelter keep in mind:

- Evacuation shelters will not have cots, blankets, or food for residents.
- Bring water: one gallon per person, per day, Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items, Bedding: pillows and blankets, Medications, medical

items and supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.), Sanitation and personal hygiene items, Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)

- If you have specific comfort needs, plan to get those items ahead of time.
- Don't bring alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or weapons
- Shelters are opened on an "as-needed" basis.
- Shelter openings may vary with each emergency.
- Never go to a shelter unless local officials have announced it is open

Registration Open for Special Needs Shelters

Source: Hillsborough County Emergency Management

Hillsborough County residents with special medical needs can register for special needs shelters through the Hillsborough County Health Department. While residents should have their own emergency plans in place, a special needs shelters and special needs transportation serve as back-up options for those residents and their caregivers, registration is required.

condition that requires periodic observation, assessment, or maintenance.

- A person who depends on electricity for medical equipment, such as an oxygen machine or feeding tube.
- An evacuee who needs dialysis.
- Someone who, in a health expert's opinion, might not fare well in a general population shelter.

Residents should complete the application and submit to see if they qualify for a special needs shelter. The form is available in English and Spanish and can be faxed or mailed to health officials. Health Department officials assess the registrations and identify people who will need attention beyond the assistance they might receive at a Red Cross Shelter.

Remember, when evacuation efforts begin, registration stops. **Registration before a storm expedites entry to the special needs shelter and assists shelters with planning so sign up early!** Residents not registered prior to a storm will be triaged onsite to determine if they meet eligibility.

Additional help is available to residents, including:

- Someone with a stable medical

Forms are available on the kpmaster.com website or the Hillsborough County Site; search special needs shelter.

Top 5 Tips to Protect Your Pet in Unforeseen Emergencies

Source: Hillsborough County Emergency Management

Taking precautions for your pets in the event of a disaster doesn't have to be difficult. It can be easily done in the comfort of your home. These key pointers from the Pet Resource Center will help you care for your pets before an emergency arises.

Top Five Most Important Tips:

1. Make sure that your pet's County registration tag is up-to-date. If it is expired or lost, bring his or her rabies certificate to the Pet Resource Center and get a replacement. After updating your pet's tag, take a trip to your vet to update all vaccinations, and get a microchip and extra medications.

2. Create a disaster kit and I.D. packet for your pet. The kit should include a seven-day supply of food and water per pet, waste disposal items, pet medication, and comfort items like their favorite toys and blankets. Your pet's waterproof I.D. packet needs to contain your contact information and family veterinarian information, the microchip and County pet registration tag numbers, and and medical needs.

3. Arrange a safe and comfortable place to stay with your pet during an unforeseen crisis, like a family member's or friend's house, or a pet-friendly hotel. Create a list of veterinarians and/or boarding facilities you would feel comfortable leaving your pet with during an emergency. This allows you to have several locations for your pets to go to if you have to leave your home in a hurry.

4. Get a cage or carrier that's easy to transport and large enough for your pet to stand up and move around in.

5. Public pet-friendly shelters are available in Hillsborough County, but they should be used ONLY as a last resort. Learn here about what to expect at these local shelters.

If you must go to a pet friendly shelter, here are some important considerations:

The County's pet friendly shelters are equipped to handle dogs and cats only. Limited space is available. Your pet will be housed separately from you and you will have limited access to visit your pet. You are responsible for the care and well-being of your animal. You will be scheduled a minimum of twice a day to feed, clean, and walk your pet.

Pet Friendly Shelter Packing List

- Crate/carrier large enough for your pet to stand up and turn around in
- Up-to-date pet records – vaccinations, microchip, county registration
- Photo of owner and pet together
- Food and water supply for a minimum 7 days, along with bowls
- Leash, collar, and muzzle (if needed)
- Pet medications
- Toys or blankets to put in the kennel



What Are Hurricane and Tropical Storm Watches, Warnings

Source: weather.gov

Whenever a tropical depression, tropical in the Atlantic or eastern North Pacific, NOAA National Hurricane Center (NHC) issues tropical cyclone advisory information at least every 6 hours at 5 am, 11 am, 5 pm, and 11 pm EDT. When coastal tropical storm or hurricane watches or warnings are in effect, the NHC and CPHC issue Tropical Cyclone Public advisories every 3 hours.

other computers for instructions from local officials. Evacuate if told to do so.

Storm Surge Watch

There is a possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

Hurricane Watch

Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible within your area. Because it may not be safe to prepare for a hurricane once winds reach tropical storm force, The NHC issues hurricane watches 48 hours before it anticipates tropical storm-force winds.

Tropical Storm Watch

Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.

Warnings

Listen closely to instructions from local officials on TV, radio, cell phones or other computers for instructions from local officials. Evacuate immediately if told to do so.

Storm Surge Warning

There is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, within 36 hours. If you are under a storm surge warning, check for evacuation orders from your local officials.

Hurricane Warning

Hurricane conditions (74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. NHC issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations. All preparations should be complete.

Tropical Storm Warning

Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours.

Extreme Wind Warning

Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or greater), usually near the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

Watches

Listen closely to instructions from local officials on TV, radio, cell phones, or

Tropical Cyclone Categories

Category	Wind Speed (mph)	Damage at Landfall	Storm Surge (feet)
1	74-95	Minimal While wind speeds are quicker than the speed a cheetah can run, there is not much damage to property.	4-5
2	96-110	Moderate Wind speeds are as fast or faster than a baseball pitcher's fastball. This category cyclone may break windows and destroy trees.	6-8
3	111-129	Extensive This wind speed is similar, or close, to the serving speed of many professional tennis players. This category cyclone can break windows and doors.	9-12
4	130-156	Extreme With winds quicker than the world's fastest rollercoaster, there is much damage to property in this category cyclone.	13-18
5	157 or higher	Catastrophic This category cyclone causes the most damage. With wind speeds similar to the speed of some high-speed trains, it destroys buildings.	19+

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights <i>Do not use candles</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA Weather Radio <i>Battery operated or hand cranked</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <i>Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone chargers <input type="checkbox"/> Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children 	<p>First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile gauze pads <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers <input type="checkbox"/> Moistened towelettes <input type="checkbox"/> Antiseptic <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin or other pain reliever 	<p>Important Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance cards <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records <input type="checkbox"/> Banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of social security cards <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates <p><i>*Items should be kept in a water proof container</i></p>	<p>Special Needs Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities
<p>Pet Care Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water to last at least 7 days <input type="checkbox"/> Proper identification <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records/ microchip information <input type="checkbox"/> Water and food bowls 	<p>Clothing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves 	<p>Food and Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Food <i>Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Water <i>1 gallon per person per day</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electric can opener <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, and utensils 	<p>Vehicle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline
			<p>Phone Numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a list of important phone numbers
			<p>Find a full disaster supply kit checklist at FloridaDisaster.org/Kit</p>

Report Gas Leaks
1-877-TECO-PGS
(1-877-832-6747)

A better understanding of tropical cyclones and hurricane hazards will help to make a more informed decision on your risk and what actions to take.

The major hazards associated with hurricanes are:

Storm Surge & Storm Tide

Storm surge and large waves produced by hurricanes pose the greatest threat to life and property along the coast.

Storm Surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm's winds. Storm surge can reach heights well over 20 feet and can span hundreds of miles of coastline.

Storm Tide is the water level rise during a storm due to the combination of storm surge and the astronomical tide. The destructive power of storm surge and large battering waves can result in loss of life, buildings destroyed, beach and dune erosion and road and bridge damage along the coast. Storm surge can travel several miles inland.

Heavy Rainfall & Inland Flooding

Tropical cyclones often produce widespread, torrential rains in excess of 6 inches, which may result in deadly and destructive floods. In fact, flooding is the major threat from tropical cyclones for people living inland. Flash flooding, defined as a rapid rise in water levels, can occur quickly due to intense

Hurricane Preparedness – Hazards

Source: NHC.Noaa.gov

rainfall. When approaching water on a roadway, always remember Turn Around Don't Drown.

Rainfall amounts are not directly related to the strength of tropical cyclones but rather to the speed and size of the storm, as well as the geography of the area. Slower moving and larger storms produce more rainfall. In addition, mountainous terrain enhances rainfall from a tropical cyclone.

High Winds

Tropical storm-force winds are strong

enough to be dangerous to those caught in them. For this reason, emergency managers plan on having their evacuations complete and their personnel sheltered before the onset of tropical storm-force winds, not hurricane-force winds.

Hurricane force winds, 74 mph or more, can destroy buildings. Debris, such as signs, roofing material, siding and small items left outside become flying missiles during hurricanes. Winds can stay above hurricane strength well inland.

Rip Currents

Rip currents are channeled currents of water flowing away from shore, usually extending past the line of breaking waves, that can pull even the strongest swimmers away from shore.

Tornadoes

Hurricanes and tropical storms can also produce tornadoes. These tornadoes most often occur in thunderstorms embedded in rain bands well away from the center of the hurricane; they can also occur near the eyewall. Tornadoes produced by tropical cyclones are relatively weak and short-lived, but they still pose a threat.



What Do Florida Homeowners Need to Know about Hurricane Insurance?
By: Meg Stefanac - September 24, 2021

Homeowners insurance can cover your property if it is damaged by high winds or falling objects, but; it does not cover flood damage. This is true even if the flood was the direct result of a covered hurricane. Since the risk of hurricanes is so high in Florida, many insurers require property owners to purchase a special hurricane endorsement as part of their home insurance policy.

Without this endorsement, damage caused by a storm that has been named a hurricane, may not be covered. By having a comprehensive homeowners insurance policy and supplementing it with flood insurance, you can cover your property and protect your finances in a few different ways.

Homeowners insurance: This can provide coverage for hurricane-related damage to the structure of your home (dwelling

coverage) and to the personal property you have inside it (contents coverage). This coverage excludes flood damage. Your home insurance policy also includes loss of use insurance. This can cover additional living expenses if you must evacuate prior to a storm or if your house is severely damaged and you must live elsewhere while repairs are made.

Flood insurance: This is designed to cover flood damage to the structure of your home and to your personal property. These policies take 30 days to go into effect so you will want to be sure to purchase your coverage before a storm is headed your way. Understanding what is (or is not) covered in your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy is a necessity. Take time now to learn about the risks you may face and build confidence that you are properly protected.

Hurricanes - Myth or Fact

MYTH	FACT
Placing tape on windows helps prevent glass from breaking in high winds.	If anything, tape holds together large chunks of glass that are more dangerous than small shards. Forget tape. Install shutters, plywood, or impact-resistant windows.
Wind is the deadliest part of a hurricane.	It's water. About half of hurricane-related deaths in the United States are attributed to storm surge, the sea level rise caused mainly by a tropical system pushing water toward the coast. Flooding due to rain is another major killer.
I'm not in the track "cone of uncertainty," so I'm OK.	The cone shows the possible path of the center of a storm. It does not depict potentially destructive weather which can extend far beyond.
Emptying the swimming pool keeps it from overflowing into your house during heavy rains.	This precaution doesn't hold water. Saturated ground can lift an empty pool. A pool filled with water is more likely to stay put.
Get as far away as possible from a storm's projected path.	When evacuating, go to a safe location where your family can ride out the storm, such as a hotel or friend or family member's home. Staying at a hurricane shelter is the last option.
After a storm passes, you're safe.	People die or are badly injured removing debris from their homes and yards, falling off ladders while making repairs, accidentally touching high-voltage power lines, entering floodwaters, and becoming overheated. Be sure to remove debris safely and with the aid of others.
Your homeowners insurance has you covered.	Most policies do not pay for repairs or losses due to floodwater. That often requires an additional policy, or a rider to the one you have.
It can't happen where I live.	Floridians who say they live in an area where hurricanes don't hit, or a storm struck last year so it won't happen again, are wrong. Long-term hurricane season forecasts, as well as days-out predictions of a hurricane's path, are unreliable. It's wise to prepare, every year.

ATLANTIC STORM NAMES
2022 HURRICANE SEASON

ALEX	HERMINE	OWEN
BONNIE	IAN	PAULA
COLIN	JULIA	RICHARD
DANIELLE	KARL	SHARY
EARL	LISA	TOBIAS
FIONA	MARTIN	VIRGINIE
GASTON	NICOLE	WALTER

Lottery Scams: Be Aware Submitted By: Deputy Jeff Merry

The current rate of inflation and the fact that living costs more today and will cost more tomorrow makes the allure of winning the "Publisher's Clearing House", the lottery, and other sweepstakes very appealing. But, if you didn't enter, you didn't win and you don't have to pay fees upfront on any "winnings".

According to the Federal Trade Commission Americans between the ages of 55 and 64 are twice as likely to be scammed. Americans over 65 are three times as likely to be scammed. It starts with an email, phone call or letter saying you've won the Publisher's Clearing House, a jackpot, or a foreign lottery. But there's a catch; To receive your winnings, you're told, you have to first pay taxes, or fees for insurance or other expenses. It's usually requested via a wire transfer or gift cards. You send the money and every few days there are additional fees. Even fees for the courier with is reportedly at Tampa International Airport with your package. No payout will ever be received, NONE.

In 2020, victims reported losing over 1 billion dollars to these types of scams (not including those that did not report the crime). And that is merely what is reported. Here in Sun City Center we are not immune. In the last 12 months alone, we have had victim's losses to



sweepstakes and lottery scams of over 1.8 million dollars, from our residents. Keep these tips by AARP in mind:

1. Any lottery or sweepstakes requiring upfront fees is a scam.
2. If you didn't enter a contest, you didn't win — no matter what you may be told.
3. If congratulations come with a check — with instructions to deposit it and send a portion back — the check's a fake.
4. Duped once? You'll be targeted again, maybe right away.
5. Clues to a sweepstakes swindle are often in the fine-print "rules."
6. Told you're "guaranteed" to win something? Another scam.
7. Threatened with violence or arrest if you don't pay upfront fees? That's the calling card of Jamaican scammers.

If you feel you may have actually won, research it thoroughly, because you didn't. Then contact Community Resource Deputy Jeff Merry, 813-242-5515.

My Favorite Native Plants

Lynn Barber, Florida-Friendly Landscaping TM Agent

After paging through the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design, I identified 14 native plants that are my favorites. The top five were hard to choose and are firebush, beach sunflower, climbing aster, coontie and blanket flower. Ornamental grasses are not included because I recently published an article about muhly and fakahatchee.

Our ecosystem contains many native plants which provide shelter and food for birds, butterflies, bees and animals. Your site conditions, sun, shade, mature size (height and spread), soil pH, soil moisture and texture, should be considered when making plant selections.

Firebush, *Hamelia patens*, a fast-growing large shrub, can reach a height of 5-20 feet and spread of 5-8 feet. It can survive in full sun or partial sun/shade and has low to no salt tolerance. The orange-red flowers attract birds, bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Some people prefer the darker green foliage in the shade; others prefer the orange/red/yellow leaves in full sun. This shrub dies back if there is a freeze, but shoots appear when the temperature warms and post-pruning.

Beach sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*, a fast-growing perennial can reach a height of 1-4 feet and spread of 2-4 feet. It has high drought and salt tolerance and prefers full sun. This plant attracts butterflies and birds, sports year-round flowers and is a great groundcover. We have it around our two-level pond in the Bette S. Walker Discovery Garden at our office courtyard.

Climbing aster, *Aster carolinianus*, can

reach a height of 1-12 feet and spread of 2-4 feet. It prefers full sun and does well in partial sun /shade. Lavender fall flowers attract birds and butterflies. This plant is in the mint family.

Coontie, *Zamia floridana*, is a fast-growing native palm-like plant. It can reach a height of 1-5 feet and spread of 3-5 feet. Coontie is highly drought tolerant, easy to propagate from seed, attracts birds and butterflies and is the sole larval food source for the atala hairstreak butterfly.

Blanket flower, *Gaillardia pulchella*, is a fast-growing native perennial that can reach a height of 1-2 feet and spread of 2-3 feet. It has high drought tolerance, prefers full sun, produces yellow/orange/red, summer flowers that attract butterflies. It is easy to propagate from seed.

Once established, irrigation may not be needed. For more in-depth information on these and other Florida-Friendly native plants, using your browser, go to 'Ask IFAS' followed by the name of the plant.

You can order a free copy of the FFL Plant Selection Guide from Southwest Florida Water Management District. Look under free publications, then Florida-Friendly Landscaping™. <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/resources/free-publications>

For assistance with horticultural questions, call us at 813-744-5519 or visit us at the UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, FL 33584.

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"Plants For Birds" a Success!

On June 15, 2022 members of the Kings Point Pond Committee, the Eagle Audubon Society, and Solitude Lake Management set out to plant the Duck Potatoe and Pickerelweed plants on pond 38 as part of the "Plants For Birds" initiative. The plants were purchased using money obtained by The Eagle Society last fall. The grant for \$2,500 was funded by the Florida Audubon Society and Florida Power and Light and was also matched by the Kings Point Master Association.



From Left to Right: John Stocksdale, Eagle Audubon BOD, Dave Magruder, Pond Committee and EAS, Anne Whitehall, Pond Committee and EAS, Jerry Brinlee, Pond Committee and EAS, and Peter Simoes Solitude Lake Management.

Peter Simoes, a representative of Solitude Lake Management advised that the since the plants are being freshly planted that the bare root system will need to establish itself. Once the roots begin to sprout into the earth, the growth will begin and the flowers will bloom. He also mentioned that it is not uncommon for the plants to look like they are dying, when in fact they are just reestablishing its source of nutrients. There might also be a floating plant or two from wild life dislodging them from the ground, but is all normal and to be expected.



For More information about Kings Point Ponds, to see past pond seminars videos, or to sign up to receive notifications concerning our ponds, please visit us at kpmaster.com/ponds.

Photo By: Anne Whitehall



"Recyclable" vs. "recyclable curbside"

Just because it has a recycling triangle on it doesn't mean it's recyclable curbside. There are many items that are "recyclable." However, not all these items are recyclable in curbside programs. To stay up to date on recycling rules, visit HCLF.Gov.net/Recycling. For example, polystyrene foam products have a recycling symbol on them, but are not recyclable curbside. Neither are single-use plastic bags. These items can be recycled at your local grocery store. Hillsborough County accepts plastic bottles, jugs, tubs and containers. Remember, just because an item is made from plastic doesn't mean local recycling facilities can process it.



When in doubt, leave it out

Avoid "wishcycling" - placing items in your blue cart that you hope are recyclable but actually aren't causes more harm than good. Just because you hope something is recyclable, doesn't suddenly make it recyclable. Avoid recycling contamination - non-recyclable items or excessively dirty materials can contaminate clean recyclables, damage the sorting equipment and potentially harm staff. If you are not sure if an item is recyclable or not, don't place it in the recycling cart. When in doubt, leave it out!

What NOT to recycle curbside in Hillsborough County

- NO plastic waste**
Trash plastic non-containers, straws, furniture, utensils, cups, lids, and foam products
- NO plastic bags or bagged recycling**
Return plastic bags to retailers.
- NO soiled recyclables or food/liquid waste**
Dispose of food/liquid waste and dirty materials in your gray trash cart. Backyard compost food waste if appropriate.
- NO yard waste**
Backyard compost or place at the curb on your designated day for pickup.
- NO Tangles** (hoses, cords, wires, holiday lights and rope)
Dispose of tangles in your gray trash cart.
- NO clothing**
Donate gently used items to charity organizations or thrift stores.
- NO electronics or batteries**
See Pages 10-11 to find out how to recycle these items responsibly.

SAVE the Date!

Join us for refreshments, vendors, award ceremony, and lots of fun!

Celebrating ADA: 32 Years of Accessibility and Inclusion

WHO: Citizens who work, play, and or live in the Hillsborough County area interested in ensuring opportunities for the full inclusion and participation of citizens with disabilities throughout the community. For more information, email Denise R. Barnes at drbarnes@usf.edu.

WHEN: July 27, 2022 at 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
WHERE: Hillsborough County Center
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602

Created by Florida Center for INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

COA SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE

We will be open in July, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Only

Office Hours are 9:00 AM Till 12:00 PM

Appointments required for Notary Service Call 813-633-1710

We will be closed September through August





How to Have a Safe 4th of July

Source: ADT.com

The start of summer is the perfect time to gather with family and friends for good food and fun times. This year, celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in a safe way. Our July 4th safety tips cover a few key summer safety topics to keep you and your family safe this Independence Day.

Firework Safety

- More than 50,000 fires are caused by fireworks every year. Take the proper precautions when operating fireworks.
- Never disassemble or try to make your own fireworks.
- Don't point sparklers, or fireworks at yourself or others, especially while they're being lit.
- Only light fireworks on the ground and in areas that are dry and fire-resistant.
- Don't attempt to ignite fireworks at the same time.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks or sparklers to prevent firework-related injuries.
- Always keep a portable fire extinguisher close by. Also, keep a water hose or buckets of water

nearby to put out fires.

- If fireworks malfunction, don't relight them! Douse and soak malfunctioning fireworks with water then throw them away.
- Resist the urge to bring your dog to a fireworks display. The safest place for them is at home where it's familiar, quiet, and not crowded.

Grilling Safety

- July is one of the peak months for grilling fires. Enjoy grilling your favorite meals this summer while also keeping your family safe.
- Check gas grill hoses for cracks, holes, and leaks.
- Keep children away from grills. Gas leaks, blocked tubes, and propane tanks can be a cause of grill fires and explosions.
- Never grill indoors, in the garage, in any enclosed area or on a surface that might catch fire.
- Keep the grill at least two feet away from decks, siding, branches, and any outdoor equipment that can catch fire quickly.

If you follow these simple 4th of July safety tips, your entire family will be sure to have a safe and memorable holiday weekend.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM THE MASTER ASSOCIATION



Thank You Les Raba for another beautiful display!

In observance of Independence Day, the Master Association Office will close on Friday, July 1st, 2022 @ 3:00 PM and will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th.

Master Maintenance Updates

Irrigation Repairs June



- 114 Irrigation Inspections
- 427 Work Orders
- 14 Emergency Calls
- 31 Alteration Requests
- 17 Mainline Repairs
- 12 Lateral Line Breaks
- 24 Valves Repaired/Replaced
- 3 Control Boxes Replaced
- 2 Breakers Replaced
- 2 Lateral Line Reroutes
- 1 Wire Repair/Replacement
- 2 Radios Replaced

Misc. Repairs June



- 3 Sidewalk Repairs
- 7 Trees Removed
- 8 Street Signs Repair/Replace
- 2 Pot Holes Filled
- Sod Replaced at Portsmouth Well
- Ring Cover Replaced Locksley
- Underdrain Repair Laughton
- 18" CMP Repair Harringay
- Storm Box Repair Princeton
- Drain/Road Repair Holkham
- Lancaster Drains Inspected
- Front Gate Awning Replaced

Please Help Keep Our Community Safe! May 15th - June 15th Traffic Count

- 31-35 MPH - 17,710 Vehicles
- 36-40 MPH - 4,300 Vehicles
- 41-45 MPH - 642 Vehicles
- 46-50 MPH - 89 Vehicles
- 51-55 MPH - 18 Vehicles



Sign up today to receive important updates from The Master Association!

Text **KPMMASTER** to **22828** or scan the **QR Code** below



Message and data rates may apply.

CARD BINGO
Activities for Seniors
Kings Point North Clubhouse
Every Tuesday 1:00pm. Bring quarters.
We play 25c a hand. Great Fun.

SATURDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors are open from 4:00pm to 5:45pm.
Specials and packages sold shortly after doors open.
At 5:45pm we stop to prepare for the 6:00pm start.

DO NOT FEED ALLIGATORS

If you spot someone feeding an alligator or if you find an alligator anywhere else he should not be, please contact the Master Association right away at 813-812-7559 so we can dispatch our contracted alligator trapper.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 1st @ 9:30am
Federation Board Meeting - KPNCH - Card Room
- July 13th @ 9:30am
Master Board Meeting - Special Guest Speaker
KPNCH - Veterans Theater
- July 15th @ 9:30am
Federation Membership Meeting - KPNCH - Veterans Theater
- July 27th @ 2:00 PM
Master Association Round Table - KPNCH - Card Room
Assoc. Board Members Only

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR KINGS POINT RESIDENTS

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER
813-642-8990

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES?

The management companies in Kings Point do not share email databases. Please make sure you are signed up with the Master Association to receive important updates and notifications.



Disaster Planning



Paving & Road Closures



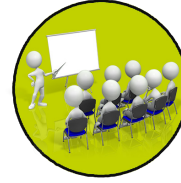
Irrigation Outages



Safety Notifications



Meeting Notices



Seminars & Workshops

Fill out the form below to get signed up. Forms can be mailed to or dropped off in the mailbox at
1902 Clubhouse Drive, Suite C.
Sun City Center, FL 33573

WWW.KPMASTER.COM



Email Sign-Up Sheet

Please fill out the form below to receive important information via email from the Master Association. The information collected will remain confidential and is for the purpose of keeping the Kings Point Community informed. Your information will not be sold or used for any other purpose.

(Please Print Legibly)

Owner Name:	Co-Owner:
Owner Email Address:	Co-Owner Email Address:
Association:	
Address (optional):	City, State, Zip (Optional):
Owner Signature (REQUIRED):	Co-Owner Signature (REQUIRED):

By signing this form you agree to the collection of your email for the purpose of receiving communications from the Master Association. In the event you have questions or if you would like to unsubscribe, you can email the Master at any time at master@kpmaster.com; or if you prefer, simply go to the bottom of any email received by the Master and select unsubscribe.

Ready to get started? Follow these simple instructions.



STEP 1

Cut out form on dotted line



STEP 2

Fill out the form



STEP 3

Flip over and fold on lines



STEP 4

Tape closed on sides



STEP 5

**Place stamp and mail or
Drop off at address of form**

**Kings Point West Master Association
1902 Clubhouse Dr. Suite C
Sun City Center FL 33573**

Second Fold: outward along this line. Be sure mailing address shows on outside

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