

Palm Beach County

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management

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OUR MISSION

To **minimize the impact** of emergencies and disasters to our community through **education, planning, and response** by coordinating **information and resources**.

There are **12 Core Hazards** that have been identified as likely disaster events in Palm beach County:



Technological Hazards

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Hazardous Materials
- ✓ Nuclear Power Plant
- ✓ Dike Failure

Natural Hazards

- ✓ Flooding
- ✓ Severe Weather
- ✓ Agricultural Diseases
- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Communicable Diseases

Human-Caused Hazards

- ✓ Domestic Security
- ✓ Workplace/School Violence
- ✓ Mass Migration

A Whole Community Approach

Whole Community includes:

- Individuals and families, including those with access and functional needs
- Businesses
- Faith-based and community organizations
- Nonprofit groups
- Schools and academia
- Media outlets
- All levels of government, including state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal partners



Partners

Palm Beach County Health Department

Division of Emergency Management

United Way

American Red Cross

Health Care District

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department

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Alzheimer's Community Care

Children's Medical Services



What You Can Do



1 Make A Plan

2 Build A Kit



3 Get Involved

4 Be Informed

Make A Plan

Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends or household to start your emergency plan.

1. How will I receive [emergency alerts and warnings](#)?
2. What is my [shelter](#) plan?
3. What is my [evacuation](#) route?
4. What is my [family/household communication plan](#)?
5. Do I need to update my [emergency preparedness kit](#)?
6. Check with the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and update my emergency plans due to Coronavirus.

- Get masks (for everyone over 2 years old), disinfectants, and check my sheltering plan.



Make A Plan

Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children



Make A Plan

Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use it as a guide to create your own. Follow the below link to get started.

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/family-emergency-communication-plan.pdf>

1. **Collect:** Needed information
2. **Share:** Ensure everyone has a copy
3. **Practice:** Meet, review, update

Build A Kit

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own [food](#), [water](#) and other [supplies](#) to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.



Build A Kit

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit/Additional Emergency Supplies

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- [Water](#) (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- [Food](#) (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to [shelter in place](#))
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to [turn off utilities](#))
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Get Involved

Preparedness is a responsibility we all share !!

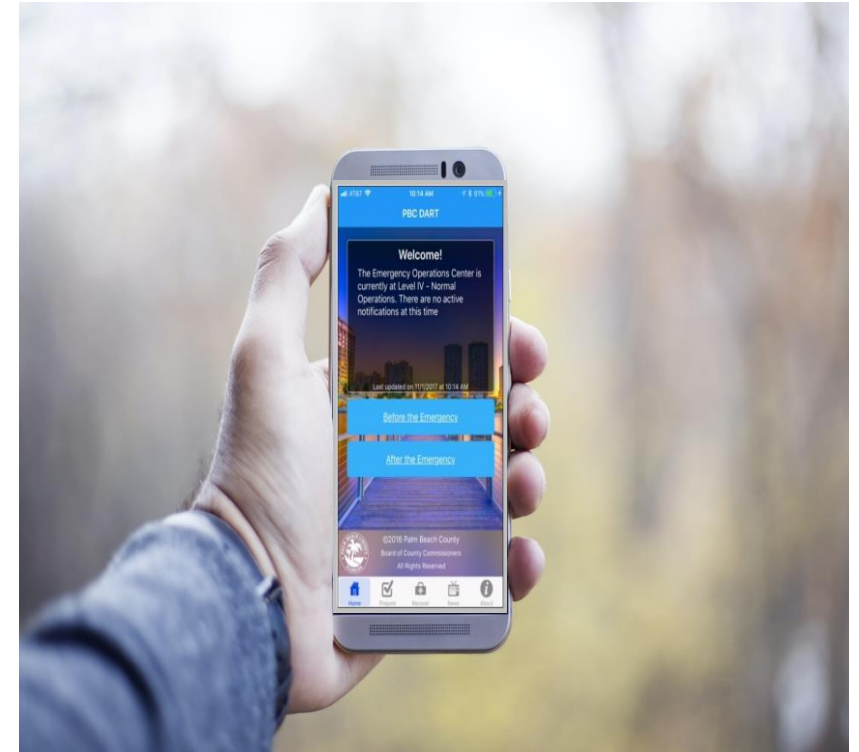
Volunteer with an organization active in disaster, such as:

American Red Cross, Salvation Army, CERT, Medical Reserve Corps, Ham Radio, etc.



Be Informed: *Get Tech Ready*

- ✓ Download our **PBC DART app**
- ✓ Download the **FEMA app**
- ✓ Sign up for **AlertPBC**
- ✓ Follow us on **Social Media**
- ✓ Watch/Listen to your **local media**



Be Informed

PALM BEACH COUNTY

D.A.R.T.

Disaster Awareness
& Recovery Tool

Be Resilient & Stay
Connected

- The Palm Beach County Disaster Awareness and Recovery Tool (PBC DART) provides residents with information and tools used to prepare for a disaster and with the ability to report damage to their home or business in the immediate aftermath of a disaster

APP FEATURES: *PREPARE*

- Evacuation Zones
- Shelter locations
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit

APP FEATURES: *RECOVER*

- Open Gas Stations
- Grocery Store locator
- Social Media
- Report Damage

Be Informed

FEMA Mobile App and Text Messages



[Get it on Google Play](#). You can also download the app via text messaging on an Android device: Text **ANDROID** to **43362** (4FEMA)



[Download on the Apple App Store](#). You can also download the app via text messaging on an Apple Device: Text **APPLE** to **43362** (4FEMA)

Here are basic commands to get started:

- To sign up to get **preparedness tips**: text **PREPARE** to **43362**.
- To search for **open shelters** (for disaster survivors): text **SHELTER** and a **ZIP code** to **43362**.
- To get a list of all **keywords** you can subscribe to: text **LIST** to **43362**.
- To **unsubscribe** (at any time): text **STOP** to **43362**.

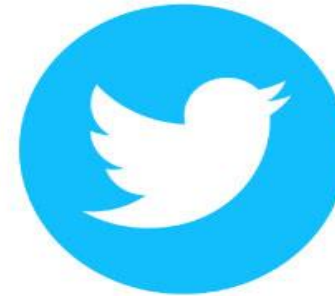
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Your Reliable, Up-to-Date Emergency Source

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Be Prepared

Financial Preparedness Tips

Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful times, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the recovery process quickly and efficiently.

1. Gather financial and critical personal, household and medical information.
2. Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.
3. Obtain property (homeowners or renters), health and life insurance if you do not have them. Not all insurance policies are the same. Review your policy to make sure the amount and types of coverage you have meets the requirements for [all possible hazards](#). Homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the [National Flood Insurance Program](#).
4. For more helpful financial preparedness tips, download the [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit](#) (EFFAK) to get started planning today.

Any questions?



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