



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

# A Hurricane Preparedness Message from Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

As we approach June 1, the start of the 2024 hurricane season, it's crucial to heed the call for preparedness to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones from potential threats. While forecasts may vary, history teaches us to expect some level of activity in the coming months.

In Fort Lauderdale, readiness is paramount for all residents. Let's take proactive steps now to ensure our resilience in the face of any storms that may come our way. Here are three fundamental actions to kick-start your hurricane preparedness:

1. **Make a Plan:** Develop a comprehensive evacuation strategy outlining what steps to take before, during, and after a hurricane. Share this plan with your family and friends, ensuring everyone knows their roles and responsibilities.
2. **Build a Kit:** Assemble an emergency kit stocked with essential supplies to sustain you and your family for three to five days. Remember to include ample water, non-perishable food items, batteries, a phone charger, a flashlight, medications, and cash. Preparation is key, and having these supplies readily available can make all the difference in an emergency.
3. **Stay Informed:** Stay abreast of weather forecasts and alerts, keeping a keen eye on both rain and wind hazards associated with hurricanes. Sign up for emergency alerts from the City of Fort Lauderdale at [fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl](https://fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl) to receive timely updates and crucial information.

Additionally, to mitigate potential risks, consider fortifying your home with impact-resistant windows and doors, documenting your belongings, and reviewing your insurance coverage.

Our City's Quick Tips Guide is a valuable resource for preparing. Remember, being prepared isn't just a precaution—it's a lifeline during times of crisis, safeguarding both lives and property.

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