



## BROWARD COUNTY HOME DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Broward County's Home Damage Assessment assists by quickly identifying areas of devastation before damage assessment teams are able to canvass the County. The Home Damage Assessment Program asks residents to report damage to their home, as soon as it is safe to go outside.



### BEFORE THE STORM

Print the [sample photos](#) and place with your important papers in a waterproof container. This will help you classify any damage to your own property after the storm.

Bookmark the Broward County Home Damage Assessment Webpage on your cell phone.

[gis.broward.org/](http://gis.broward.org/)

[ReportHomeDamage/](#)

### AFTER THE STORM

Report damage to your home to Broward County by calling 311 or complete the form at

[gis.broward.org/](http://gis.broward.org/)

[ReportHomeDamage/](#)

## PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR A STORM

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

If a hurricane or tropical storm is threatening to impact our area, there are things you can do you prepare your home and family in the time before an actual Hurricane Watch is issued. Remember that once a watch is issued, hurricane conditions are expected in the area within 24 – 48 hours.

#### Power Outages

Even though many utility lines are buried underground throughout Weston, electricity likely will be impacted during a storm due to wind and flooding. If you have a generator, be sure to have it ready to go (tested and fueled up) before a watch is issued. Don't forget to stock up on fresh batteries for flashlights.



#### Food safety

It is important to have enough non-perishable foods for your family. It is also a good idea to freeze ice bags to help keep fresh food items chilled following an extended power outage. After the storm, discard questionable items that may have spoiled due to lack of refrigeration.

#### Pool preparations

Prepare your pool by lowering the water level (no more than 2 feet) and adding extra chlorine to prevent contamination. Do not drain the pool or put pool furniture in the pool. Be sure to turn off the power to the pool pump and remove the pump and store indoors or wrap the motor in heavy-duty plastic and secure with tape or rope.