We’re ready for storm season. Are you?

We’re prepared for storm season and urge you to prepare as well. Keep your family safe with a plan that includes evacuation routes, special medical needs, important phone numbers and supplies. Here’s a guide to help you and your family get started.

Begin preparing now

» Develop an emergency plan and review that plan with your family.
» Photograph or record your home – inside and outside – for insurance purposes.
» Update the phone number and email addresses on your FPL account.
» Contact your local emergency management office if you or anyone you know has special needs, in case of evacuations.
» Determine your backup power source or make arrangements to relocate if a storm warning is issued and someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining medical equipment.
» Ensure all trees and vegetation near power lines are trimmed by specially trained line-clearing professionals to minimize their potential impact on you and your neighbors – tree limbs and branches are the number one cause of outages.

Be ready when the storm hits

» Pay attention to instructions from public officials and the media.
» Secure and prepare your home by storing outside objects inside your home, fasten doors and windows, cover valuables and furniture with plastic and move away from windows, and turn off and unplug any non-essential electrical equipment.
» Gather all important documents and put them in a waterproof container.
» Obtain enough food, water and supplies to be self-sufficient for up to 14 days.
» Grab cash or travelers checks in case banks are closed and ATMs are not working.
» Fill up your vehicle with gas.
» Fill propane tanks if you plan to use a grill for cooking.
» Charge your cell phone and keep it ready by obtaining a portable battery or car charger.
» Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings ahead of time to keep food fresh longer in the event of a power outage, and consider storing blocks of ice in coolers.
» Read the manufacturer’s instructions if you use a generator to ensure safe operation. And, NEVER connect your generator to your home’s fuse box or breaker.
» Bookmark FPL.com/outage and save 1-800-4OUTAGE to your cell phone to report and check the status of your outage.
» Connect with us for progress reports on Facebook.com/FPLconnect and Twitter.com/insideFPL

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