



SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA

HURRICANE RESILIENCY GUIDE

In the spirit of community engagement and resiliency, this Hurricane Resiliency Guide is here to help you stay ready for hurricanes, protect your family, and respond effectively to severe weather. As stewards of the land, we honor the wisdom of our ancestors by strengthening our homes and communities against the storms that may come our way.

We encourage every community member to create their own emergency plan to safeguard their loved ones, including elders and pets. This guide provides an emergency supply checklist with essential storm kit items, ensuring that we have what we need when challenges arise.

You will also find important contact numbers to stay informed, along with instructions on securing your home, creating evacuation routes, and identifying safe shelters. Staying connected to one another and informed through weather updates and alerts will help keep our community strong.

Readiness is an extension of our traditional values—looking ahead, protecting our people, and standing together as one. By taking proactive steps, we honor our ancestors and ensure the safety of our families, our neighbors, and future generations.

With unity and strength, we protect the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

– Tribal Member Community Resiliency and Engagement Team



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

POLICE & FIRE RESCUE DISPATCH

Hollywood/Coconut Creek/Trail(954)-967-8900
Big Cypress(863)-983-2285
Immokalee(239)-657-6956
Brighton/Fort Pierce/Lakeland (863)-763-5731
Tampa (813)-620-2875

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Disaster Hotline (800)-617-7514

HEALTH CLINICS & SPECIAL NEEDS

Hollywood/Trail(954)-962-2009
Big Cypress (863)-983-5151
Brighton/Fort Pierce (863)-763-0271
Immokalee/Naples(239)-867-3400
Tampa/Lakeland (813)-620-2860

PHARMACY

Seminole Pharmacy - Hollywood(954)-961-7210
Seminole Pharmacy - Betty Mae Jumper ..(954)-965-1312
Seminole Pharmacy - Big Cypress(863)-983-1197

HOUSING, GENERATOR, & SHUTTER ASSISTANCE

Hollywood/Trail(954)-985-2300 EXT. 4
Big Cypress(863)-805-2940
Immokalee(239)-657-4509
Brighton/Fort Pierce (863)-763-4128
Tampa/Lakeland(813)-246-3100 EXT. 19328

HOUSING AFTER HOURS (PLUMBING, LEAKS & HVAC)

Emergency (800)-617-7517

PUBLIC WORKS

Debris/Trash pickup (866)-625-5376

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management is dedicated to protecting the Seminole Tribe of Florida by coordinating efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other emergencies. Through strong partnerships, we strive to enhance preparedness, response, and recovery efforts, ensuring a safe and resilient environment for all Tribal communities.

Hurricane season is from June 1st through November 30th, and we encourage you to use this guide to help you and your family stay prepared. Each season serves as a reminder of the unpredictable and devastating power of storms, emphasizing the need for vigilance and proactive planning to protect our families and community.

Our office works year-round with Tribal Departments to develop and refine emergency preparedness plans, improve response capabilities, and strengthen interdepartmental coordination. To better understand community needs, the Office of Public Safety conducts door-to-door hurricane assessments, identifying vulnerabilities, and ensuring resources are allocated where they are needed most.

STAY INFORMED WITH CODE RED ALERTS

The Office of Emergency Management uses the CodeRED Notification System to deliver urgent alerts via email, text, and phone to Tribal members and employees. These notifications keep the community informed about critical events and emergencies that may impact you and your family.

Alerts may include: police emergencies, boil water notices, tropical weather updates or other important safety concerns.

Visit stofemd.com and click on the Emergency Notification Enrollment Form or call 1-800-617-7514 to register.

Stay prepared, stay safe!

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a central hub for managing response and recovery activities during emergencies. The Seminole Tribe of Florida has EOCs at various reservations to address emergencies that could affect one or more Tribal communities. The EOCs coordinate efforts and ensure the needs of the community are met during a disaster.

When the EOC is activated, key representatives from various departments come together to oversee and direct response efforts during an emergency or disaster. Representatives from departments such as Seminole Police, Fire Rescue, Buildings and Grounds, Public Works, and Health and Human Services collaborate around the clock to manage the response and address the immediate needs of the community.



LIGHTNING DETECTION ALERTS

**Horns operate daily from
7:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M.**

WHEN TO SEEK SHELTER:

Horns will alert with a 15 second
blast and strobe light flashes
when lightning is detected in the
area.

ALL CLEAR SIGNAL:

Horns will alert with 3
short blasts.



HURRICANE INFORMATION

A **Tropical Storm** is a tropical cyclone in the Northern Hemisphere that rotates counterclockwise. A **Hurricane** is a type of tropical cyclone that forms over tropical waters and rotates inward with high wind speeds. When it makes landfall it can bring high waves, tornadoes, damaging winds, torrential rains, and floods affecting power, roadways, homes, and buildings.

DEFINITIONS

Tropical Depression:

Winds of 38 mph or less.

Tropical Storm Watch:

Winds of 39-73 mph may occur within 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning:

Winds of 39-73 mph expected within 36 hours.

Hurricane Watch:

Winds of 74+ mph may occur within 48 hours; prepare by securing property and gathering supplies.

Hurricane Warning:

Winds of 74+ mph expected within 36 hours; take action to ensure safety.

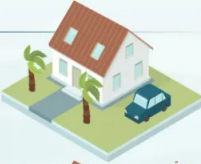




HURRICANE RELATED HAZARDS

Hurricanes can cause storm surge, flooding, tornadoes, lightning, high winds, and downed power lines.

- If a tornado occurs, take shelter in a small interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building, staying away from doors and windows.
- Secure outdoor items like furniture and garbage cans to prevent them from becoming hazards in high winds.
- To stay safe from downed power lines, remain indoors during the storm and avoid any fallen lines while authorities work to safely restore power.

HOW TO READ THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

The Saffir-Simpson scale classifies hurricanes based solely on their maximum sustained wind speeds, without factoring in other dangers such as flooding and tornadoes.

Hurricane Category	Wind Speed	Damage Summary	
1	75–95 mph 119–153 km/h	Some Damage: Minor damage to homes & and short-term power loss	
2	96–110 mph 154–177 km/h	Extensive damage: Major roof damage to buildings & near-total power loss	
3	111–129 mph 178–208 km/h	Devastating damage: Electricity & water unavailable for up to several weeks	
4	130–156 mph 209–251 km/h	Catastrophic damage: Severe damage to homes, with long-lasting power outages & road blockages	
5	157 mph+ 252 km/h+	Catastrophic damage: High % of homes destroyed; area uninhabitable for weeks or months	

WEATHER THE STORM!

MAKE A PLAN FOR HURRICANE SEASON TODAY.

HURRICANE WATCH

During this period, you should focus on securing your home and property:

- Contact the Housing Department if you need assistance placing storm shutters on your home
- Bring in lawn furniture, garbage cans, and other items that could become projectiles in high winds
- Make sure your vehicle is fueled and gather extra fuel for your generator
- Check emergency supplies including food, water, and medications

HURRICANE WARNING

During this period, preparations need to be completed quickly as the hurricane poses a threat to life and property:

- Ensure your home is secure with reinforcements such as sandbags
- Stay informed with reliable sources for the latest updates on the hurricane's path
- Follow evacuation orders if necessary and ensure pet safety



DURING A HURRICANE

If a hurricane is likely to impact your area, you should:

- Follow guidance from Tribal Officials
- Monitor radio, television, and online sources for the latest weather updates
- Stay indoors, preferably in an interior room with no windows
- **DO NOT GO OUTSIDE** during the “eye of the storm”. There is only a short calm before the hurricane-force winds return.

AFTER A HURRICANE

Many injuries occur in the aftermath of a hurricane, these guidelines can help protect you and your family:

- Remain inside until the area is safe. If you must go outside, watch for fallen objects and downed powerlines.
- Stay away from downed powerlines and report them to SPD immediately
- **DO NOT** drive or walk through hidden dangers like debris, sharp objects, or floodwaters.

Public Works will coordinate debris removal after a storm. If you need assistance, please call Seminole Tribe of Florida Disaster Hotline at (800)-617-7514

HURRICANE TRACKING MAP



DISASTER SUPPLY CHECKLIST

GENERAL

- ☐ Two-week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- ☐ A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical device
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio: *Battery operated or hand cranked*
- ☐ Cash: Banks and ATM's may not be available after a storm

PHONE NUMBERS

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers including: doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

SEVERE WEATHER ITEMS

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas & rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves
- ☐ Tarp, tent pegs, and cord

FIRST AID

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- ☐ Triangular bandages
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towelettes
- ☐ Antiseptic wipes
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Thermometer

DISASTER SUPPLY CHECKLIST

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

*Items should be kept in a waterproof container

- ☐ Insurance cards
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Banking information
- ☐ Credit card numbers
- ☐ Copies of social security cards
- ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- ☐ Other personal documents
- ☐ Set of car, house, and office keys
- ☐ Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- ☐ Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- ☐ Copy of Will

FOOD AND WATER

- ☐ Non-perishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water: 1 gallon per person per day for 7 days
- ☐ Disposable plates, napkins, cups, and utensils

VEHICLE

- ☐ Keep motor vehicle tanks filled, some may use diesel not fuel

**BE ON THE
LOOK OUT FOR
FLORIDA'S
ANNUAL
DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS
SALES TAX
HOLIDAY!**

For more information and access to a complete disaster supply checklist, visit www.ready.gov/kit.

For questions and more information, contact the STOF Office of Emergency Management at 1-800-617-7514 or visit www.STOFEMD.com

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

All Tribal members are encouraged to create an individual or family emergency plan and gather storm supplies to be ready for any emergency.

Your plan should include the following:

- Establish a meeting place outside of the home for emergency situations
- List all emergency and family telephone numbers
- Choose a family member outside of the area to call and check in with
- Teach children when and how to use 911
- An inventory of what items are in your emergency kit
- Determine evacuation transportation options, including routes and available methods of travel
- Include arrangements for special needs, such as medications, medical equipment, or assistance for elderly or disabled family members



PET PLAN

Remember to include your pets in your emergency plan. Be sure to bring enough supplies for your pet to shelter with you.

- ☐ Water (1 gallon per day, for 3 days)
- ☐ Dry Pet Food for two weeks
- ☐ Food Dish/Water Bowls
- ☐ Vaccination Records
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Collar ID and leash
- ☐ Crate
- ☐ Garbage bags, newspaper, paper towels, litter
- ☐ Treats



KID'S CORNER

Help children feel safe during extreme weather by staying calm, comforting them, and teaching safety steps like sheltering in a small windowless room.

It's important for kids to understand the dangers of lightning, strong winds, and heavy rain. Encourage them to pack an emergency bag with fun items for comfort.

- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Pillow/Blanket
- ☐ Flashlight



TORNADO WATCH

A Tornado Watch is issued when a tornado *is possible*.

Know your safe place (storm shelter, basement, interior hall away from windows). Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued.

BE PREPARED.

TORNADO WARNING

A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado is *happening or about to happen*.

Immediately seek shelter in a sturdy structure.

TAKE ACTION!

TORNADO	HAIL	LIGHTNING	WIND	FLOODING
				
ACTION Take shelter immediately in a sturdy structure	ACTION Move indoors away from windows	ACTION Move indoors if you hear thunder	ACTION Move indoors away from windows	ACTION Avoid rising creeks and water- covered roads



Understanding
**SEVERE
WEATHER
HAZARDS**

James Hobbs

GENERATOR SAFETY

- 1. CARBON MONOXIDE IS LETHAL!**
Portable generators produce carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas.

- 2. DO NOT USE YOUR GENERATOR:**
 - Inside an enclosed structure like a garage.
 - Within 20 feet from your home.



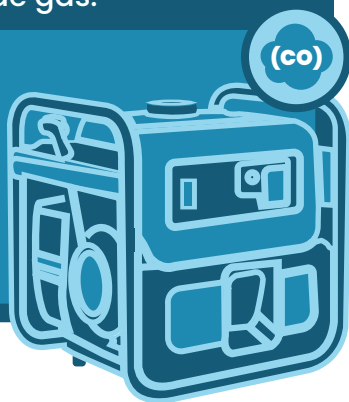
- 3. LET COOL BEFORE RE-FUELING**
Before re-fueling, wait 20 minutes to reduce the risk of accidental fire.

STAY ALERT!

- 4.** Install battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up according to the manufacturer's instructions. Smoke alarms cannot detect carbon monoxide gas.

PROTECT YOUR HOME!

- 5.** If you or someone else experiences headaches, dizziness, or confusion, go outside to get fresh air immediately, and call 911.



TRIBAL WIDE HURRICANE ROLES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Pharmaceutical care
- Medication distribution

ELDER SERVICES

- Shelter operations

EDUCATION

- Communicating emergency notifications and education department updates to the community through tribal announcements via emails, website, and social media.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS OFFICE

- Maintenance of all the Government facilities and grounds Tribal Wide

TRIBAL WIDE HURRICANE ROLES

PUBLIC SAFETY

SEMINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Weather evacuation notices
- Conducts rapid impact assessments before, during and after a disaster to ensure safety of the community
- Shelter Security
- Traffic Control

SEMINOLE TRIBE FIRE RESCUE

- Medical evacuations
- Search and rescue
- Provide emergency medical services at shelters

TRIBAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

- Shutter assistance
- Generator assistance
- Residential storm debris removal

PUBLIC WORKS

- Curbside debris removal
- Sandbag distribution

