

## BEFORE THE STORM

**A hurricane watch** is declared **when hurricane conditions are possible** within the next 36 hours.

**A hurricane warning** is declared **when hurricane conditions are expected** within the next 24 hours. Some services may be impacted depending on the weather conditions.

**Once a hurricane warning is declared, most of your home preparations should be completed and your emergency plan is in place.**

**Secure your home** inside and out, including windows, doors, boats, and patio areas. Charge all mobile phones and keep a corded phone handy. **Withdraw cash** from the bank. **Get fuel** for your car, generator and other gas-powered tools. **Protect your electronics** with surge protectors and waterproof coverings. If you own a boat, use double lines at a marina or consider dry-dock storage.

**DO NOT begin any tree pruning or household cleanup activities.**

**Remember these important dos and don'ts:**

**DO NOT:** prune trees or dispose of any bulky waste on the right-of-way. If you must dispose of tree trimmings, take them to a Neighborhood Trash & Recycling Center instead.

**Visit** <http://embrevard.com/resources.cfm> for updates on County services. Depending on the conditions, bus, rail, trash, and recycling services as well as airport and seaport operations could be affected.

**Secure** your garbage and recycling bins inside a utility room or garage so that they do not become airborne. (You'll need your bins to insure you get service after the storm.)

**Take down** any tents, awnings or fabric covers over patios or porches.

## DURING THE STORM

When a hurricane threatens, there is a right way to watch and wait.

Here's how:

When a Hurricane **WARNING** is issued, an **evacuation of the barrier island** will be ordered.

However, If you choose to stay;

**REMEMBER:** essential services (police, fire and ambulance) **will not be available** after winds reach 35 MPH!

If you do stay, **STAY INDOORS** until the storm has passed. Listen to **local news**, on your radio, for weather updates. **Turn off circuit breakers**, but leave one on so you know when power is restored. **Use flashlights, not candles** or kerosene lamps, as your light source. **Stay in your safe room. Keep children informed** about what is happening and **look for signs of stress. Keep animals in their carriers.** Use the phone **only for urgent calls.** Go to a lower floor if you live in a tall building. **Get in the tub or under a mattress if your home begins to come apart.**

## **AFTER THE STORM**

Studies show that many disaster related injuries occur after the disaster.

**Keep your guard up even after a storm** has passed with these tips:

**Listen to media announcements** for information on when your waste collection service will resume. Place large piles of debris on the right of way of your property – away from fences, mailboxes, drains, power lines and low hanging wires. **Don't place debris on a vacant lot.** Don't place debris in front of commercial properties. **Check local media** advisories for information about waste collection services. If your garbage or recycling bins are lost or damaged during a hurricane, it is your responsibility to ask for a replacement.

**Be patient. Be careful.** Clean up after a storm can take time