

Hurricane Prep

Hurricane Preparedness Information

Because Bermuda Bay is a **beachfront community**, we are more susceptible to high winds, storm surge, and flooding during tropical storms and hurricanes. Fortunately, hurricanes are typically tracked days in advance, allowing time to prepare and reduce risk to people and property.

Your safety is our top priority. Please review the information below and prepare accordingly.

Association Storm Preparations

Once a **Hurricane Warning** is issued, the Association will take steps to secure common areas and Association property, which may include:

- Removing unsecured common-area items (such as trash receptacles)
- Closing all pools and shutting down pool equipment
- Placing entry gates in the **open position** in the event of a power outage

Unit Owner & Resident Responsibilities

Unit owners and residents are responsible for securing their own units and personal property.

- **All items on balconies, patios, and lanais must be secured or moved inside**, including furniture, planters, décor, and grills.
- Personal items may **not** be stored in common areas.
- **Kayaks must be tied down** and **bicycles moved inside** your unit.
- Seasonal residents must secure their units before leaving for the season.
- It is strongly recommended that absentee owners arrange for a **local friend or family member** to check on their unit after a storm.
- Owners are responsible for ensuring **tenants and guests** comply with all Association procedures.

Evacuations & Safety Notices

- Monitor **local news outlets** and official emergency alerts.
- **Mandatory evacuation orders must be followed.**
- Anyone who remains on the property during a mandatory evacuation does so **at their own risk.**

For additional guidance, please review the **Pinellas County Hurricane Preparedness Guide** (attached), which is an excellent planning resource.

Hurricane Warning Checklist

When a **Hurricane Warning** is issued by the National Hurricane Center, residents should take the following steps:

Before the Storm

- Bring **all outdoor items inside**. Items left outside may be removed by maintenance.
- Purchase supplies in advance:
 - Bottled water
 - Ice
 - Non-perishable food
 - Manual can opener
 - Paper goods and personal hygiene items
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.
- Have **cash on hand** (ATMs may not function during power outages).
- Obtain necessary prescriptions and keep medications with you.
- Make arrangements for **pets**—do not leave pets unattended.
- Gather insurance policies and important documents (store in a waterproof container).
- Fully charge cell phones and backup battery packs.

During the Storm

- Stay indoors and remain calm.
- Monitor local news via battery-powered radio or television.
- Take shelter in a **small interior room** away from windows.
- Keep **windows and doors closed** at all times—do not open or “crack” them.
- Close blinds and drapes to help protect against shattered glass.
- Avoid using electrical appliances during power outages.
- Stay clear of downed power lines and report them to the electric company.

Power Outages

- Turn off major appliances.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed (food may remain cold up to 24 hours).
- Use flashlights—not candles—for lighting.

Extra Preparedness Tips

- Clean your bathtub with bleach and **fill it with water** for emergency use.
- Set your air conditioning to a reasonable temperature before power loss.
- Know your evacuation route and nearby shelter locations in advance.

Thank You

Thank you for your cooperation and preparedness. Working together helps keep our community safer before, during, and after severe weather. Your safety—and the safety of your neighbors—is our highest priority.



Emergency & Immediate Assistance

Emergency (Life-Threatening Situations)

 **911**

St. Petersburg Police – Non-Emergency

 **727-893-7780**

 <https://police.stpete.org>

FEMA Disaster Assistance

Apply for federal disaster aid, housing assistance, and recovery support.

 **1-800-621-3362** (TTY: 1-800-462-7585)

 FEMA Mobile App

 <https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

Crisis Cleanup Hotline

Help with muck-out, debris removal, and basic home cleanup after a storm.

 **1-844-965-1386**

 <https://www.crisiscleanup.org>

American Red Cross – Shelters & Lodging

Find open shelters and emergency housing resources.

 **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**

 Shelter Locator: <https://www.redcross.org/shelter>

Disaster Legal Services

Free legal help for storm-related issues (insurance claims, housing, FEMA appeals).

 **1-800-285-2221**

 <https://www.disasterlegalaid.org>

(You may also contact FEMA to be referred to Disaster Legal Services.)

Power Outages – Duke Energy

Report outages or check restoration updates.

 **1-800-228-8485**

 <https://www.duke-energy.com/outages>



Food, Water & Essential Supplies

St. Pete Free Clinic

Provides free groceries, food assistance, and basic health services.

 **727-821-8160**

 <https://www.stpetefreeclinic.org>

Feeding Tampa Bay

Food distribution, mobile pantries, and disaster food relief.

 **813-254-1190**

 <https://www.feedingtampabay.org>

Reach St. Pete

Emergency assistance and community support resources.

 **727-821-8992**

 <https://www.reachstpete.org>

Sandbag Locations (City of St. Petersburg)

Sandbags are available at designated city sites during storm events (often including Azalea Recreation Center).

 <https://www.stpete.org/sandbags>



Recovery Resources

Pinellas Recovers

Countywide recovery hub for housing, debris removal, and disaster assistance.

 <https://recover.pinellas.gov>

Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans

Low-interest loans for homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses.

 **1-800-659-2955**

 <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov>

Florida Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Financial assistance for workers impacted by disasters.

 **1-800-204-2418**

 <https://www.floridajobs.org>

Debris Removal Information

City-provided debris drop-off sites and collection updates.

 <https://www.stpete.org/hurricane>



Local Support & Information

City of St. Petersburg – Recovery & Storm Updates

Official city updates, storm preparation, and recovery resources.

 <https://www.stpete.org/hurricane>

St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce

Support and resources for local businesses and residents.

 **727-388-9801**

 <https://www.stpete.com>

Pinellas County Emergency Management

Emergency alerts, evacuation orders, and preparedness guidance.

 **727-464-3800**

 <https://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency>

Nonprofit & Community Resources

- **Pinellas Community Foundation** – <https://www.pinellascommunityfoundation.org>
- **Pinellas Hope** – <https://www.pinellashope.org>
- **Somos St. Pete** – <https://www.somosstpete.org>