



# Village Emergency Management

## News Alert

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## HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1

### Know Your Zone: A

The Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1st and ends on November 30th, with storms typically peaking in August and September.

In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, officials will inform residents about the impact of the storm and any possible evacuations. All of **Key Biscayne is in Zone A**, the first area that will be called to evacuate. These evacuations are ordered by the Miami-Dade County Mayor and are **MANDATORY** for your safety as well as the protection of personnel.

The County mails residents a comprehensive guide to hurricane season each year. The **Are You Ready?** guide is also available online at: <https://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/library/guide-to-hurricane-readiness.pdf>

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## STAY SAFE + CONNECTED

Stay informed and keep your loved ones safe this Hurricane Season by joining the Village of Key Biscayne's Village Connect newsletter and VINS network.

In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, the Village of Key Biscayne will communicate directly with the community using the Village Connect (email newsletter) and VINS (email and text). Updates will also be available on the village website [KeyBiscayne.fl.gov](http://KeyBiscayne.fl.gov).

These will be the Village's official forms of communication before, during, and after a storm.

\*\*Village Connect and VINS are two separate systems. Please register for both to be fully connected. Your contact information will be added to our lists for emergency use as well as notifications related to Village events, news, and incidents.\*\*





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### Before a Storm

- It's time to prepare a **hurricane kit**, that includes food and water for each member of your household for seven days.
- **Trim your trees and clean-up your yards NOW.** grown plants and decorations become debris and projectiles. Do not trim or prune once a warning is in place!
- Arrange for a **place to stay.** Whether its with friends, family or at an inland hotel, this is the time to know where you plan to go.
- **Register for evacuation assistance** with Miami-Dade County, if needed, and they will share that information with Village staff.
- **Do not place trash on your curb once a storm warning is in place.**

### During a Storm

- During a storm, **sit tight and stay in doors.** The eye of the storm may appear calm - but do not go outside.
- If you lose power, turn off all major appliances to protect them.
- If possible, **use flashlights** instead of candles if the power goes out.
- If you own a boat, remember to **secure it!**

### After a Storm

- If you go outside, **stay out of flooded areas** and be aware of fallen objects.
- **Report any outages to FPL.** The more people who report an outage, the better.
- Take pictures of any damage for your insurance.
- **Report Damage to Miami-Dade County.** This information is shared directly with the Village and we use the information you report to assess the impact and respond to the affected areas.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is used to categorize the intensity of a storm on a scale from 1 to 5. This scale helps us understand how strong the storm's wind will be.



Miami-Dade County has an application that is available on both iPhone and Android. This useful tool will offer you the latest information and guide you in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane.

Get it today on the App Store or on the Android Play Store.