

# WEATHER THE STORM! TAKE ACTION!!



## City of Belleair Bluffs

2747 Sunset Blvd.  
Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770

Tel: 727-584-2151

Fax: 727-584-6175

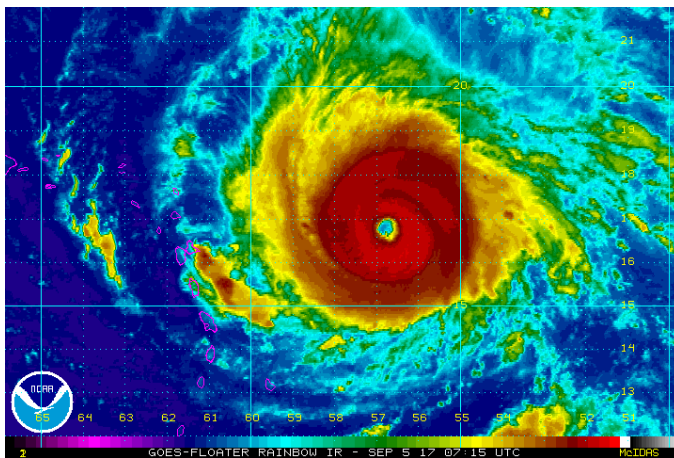
E-mail: [info@belleairbluffs-fl.gov](mailto:info@belleairbluffs-fl.gov)

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Living in Florida, it is important to know what to do in severe weather conditions. Make sure you and your home are prepared BEFORE a storm approaches.

**CITIZENS HAVE A ROLE TOO!** Be proactive. Consider coordinating with your neighbors on hurricane supplies and "After-storm" recovery. Some ideas include: sharing a generator with an immediate neighbor if you cannot afford your own, create a neighborhood group or, if you live in a condo, a floor manager as a main point-of-contact to assist residents with up-to-date info during power outages.

### Everyone has a Role, Know Yours!



On September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma made landfall on Florida's southwest coast battering the lower half of the state and began its journey north. Irma left a trail of devastation in its wake.

### MAKE A PLAN

- What will you and your family do?
- What do you need on hand?
- What will you take with you?
- Where will you go, if necessary?
- Do you need a pet plan?
- Who will you notify?

### MAINTAIN HURRICANE SUPPLIES

- Keep important documents in a water tight container.
- Conduct emergency evacuation and fire drills.
- Check food supplies every six months (restock expired food).
- Check fire extinguishers.
- Test smoke/carbon monoxide alarms every six months.
- **Buy a NOAA satellite radio!**
- Buy batteries and a portable battery phone charger.

### CONTACTS

[BELLEAIR BLUFFS CITY HALL](#)  
(727) 584-2151

[PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF](#)  
(727) 582-6200

[LARGO FIRE RESCUE](#)  
(727) 587-6714

[PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT](#)  
(727) 464-4333



# CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- Hurricane Season: 1 June thru 30 November // Tornado Season: ALWAYS!
- Purchase a NOAA Weather-Alert Radio with S.A.M.E. (110volts + battery)
- Have two (2) "Disaster Kits": (1) if you stay / (1) for "away"
- Know your home and business "Safe-Room" & "Evacuation Route"
- At 40mph winds, Bridges and Causeways close. Plan Ahead.
- 65% of home wind damage starts at the Garage Door – Brace for it!
- Register in advance for Pet or Special Needs Shelters.
- Store water for one (1) gallon per person /per day. Plan for 7 days-Minimum!
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon of unscented Clorox purifies (1) gallon of water.
- Prepare your trees for Hurricane Season: [www.arborday.org/media/stormrecovery](http://www.arborday.org/media/stormrecovery)
- Water kills & damages more than wind: (1) cu. yd. H<sub>2</sub>O= 1,700#
- Have a "Disaster Communications Plan" for Family & Employees
- Have a "Business Disaster & Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan".
- Maintain a 30-day supply of Prescription Medications.
- Retrofit your home / business for hurricane mitigation & survival.
- Prepare for a week without electricity, water, or outside help!
- Protect windows with approved covers. Duct tape: NOT effective!
- Evacuation Orders = EVACUATE! There is a good reason...
- Warmer climate = more severe storms (stronger winds, hail, more rain, etc.)
- Back-up / scan key documents: Deeds / Wills / Licenses / Tax forms / etc.
- Quick Document Protection: Ziploc bags in front-loader washer/dishwasher
- Easy Freezer Alert: Freeze a cup of water; place a quarter on top of frozen water; if power fails & food thaws & re-freezes, quarter will not be on top! Discard food!



# CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS

## A NOAA WEATHER-ALERT RADIO

### COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!



*"It's 3 AM and you are sleeping soundly when....."*

**...a tornado forms in your area. Your home is one of its targets. How would you know? What warning would you have?**

**WHAT IT DOES:** A National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "All Hazards" Alert Radio is the fastest, most reliable means of receiving information on life-threatening weather such as tornados, hurricanes, floods as well as civil emergencies such as hazardous explosions, fires, and chemical spills. It automatically warns you 24/7. It is cheap "weather insurance" for you, your family, and employees.

**HOW IT WORKS:** A NOAA Weather Alert Radio with the S.A.M.E. feature (Specific Area Message Encoding) operates on 110 volts a/c with a battery back-up. It receives only the NOAA broadcast warning. The radio stands quietly ready 24/7 to alert you to danger at home or at work. It will automatically alert you to threats for your specific geographic area. It even gives a 5-10 minute tornado warning so you can go to a designated "safe-room" in your home or workplace!

Do not depend on being awake at 3 AM for a tornado warning on TV, or for your cellphone (or cat) to suddenly alert you. The NOAA alert system is your best warning - it saves lives when others fail!

**WHERE TO GET:** Publix supermarkets, Wal-Mart, Radio Shack, internet, etc.

This information is provided as a Public Service by: City of Belleair Bluffs, 2747 Sunset Blvd., Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770, (727) 584-2151 / Mon-Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM