



# 2021 HURRICANE GUIDE

**THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON RUNS FROM JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30**

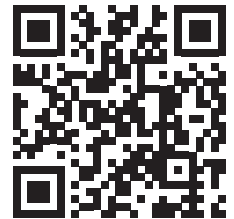
The Apopka Fire and Police Departments, along with the Public Services Department want to help residents stay safe this hurricane season, especially during a pandemic. Forecasters are calling for an above-normal 2021 Atlantic hurricane season. We hope this guide will help you prepare and stay informed.

Here are some tips to prepare, before a storm arrives:

- Create an emergency kit (use the checklist on the back).
- Clear your property of debris. Do your tree trimming and yard clearing now and place at the curb on your bulky service day.
- Sign up for our Emergency Management Alerts, follow us on social media, and visit our website at [www.apopka.net/hurricanes](http://www.apopka.net/hurricanes) for updates.

## City Updates

Sign up for “Emergency Management Alerts” at [www.apopka.net/signup](http://www.apopka.net/signup) or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



**Preparation Tip:** Before the storm, secure trash cans and clean your yard of any items that could pose a danger to you or your neighbors in hurricane force winds, such as old lumber, lawn furniture, etc. and place curbside for bulky pickup day.

## Debris Pickup After the Storm

Depending on the severity & amount of damage from the storm, the City may employ contractors to assist with removing debris. Updates will be posted at [www.apopka.net](http://www.apopka.net).

More specific information regarding debris and sanitation pickups will be made available after the storm on our website as decisions are made by officials.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Do not bag or containerize storm debris.
- Place debris curbside, without blocking the roadway, storm drains, fire hydrants, meters, utility poles, transformers, water mains, and/or underneath low utility lines.
- Do not include hazardous waste or normal household trash.



## SEPARATE YOUR DEBRIS INTO THESE FOUR CATEGORIES

### Vegetation Debris

- Leaves (not bagged)
- Logs
- Plants
- Tree Branches

### Construction and Demolition Debris

- Building Materials
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture & Mattresses
- Lumber
- Plumbing

### White Goods

- Air Conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers/Dryers
- Water Heaters

### Electronics

- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Other devices with a cord

## Apopka's Non-Emergency Line

Residents in the City of Apopka can Dial 407-703-1757 for the Non-Emergency Line for the following items:

- Traffic Lights Out
- Tree Limbs Blocking the Road
- Flooding
- Waste Water Backup
- City Business Hours, Services, and Schedules (including garbage collection)

## Important Phone Numbers

- Dial 911 for life-threatening emergency assistance.
- Dial 311 for Orange County's Non-Emergency Line.
- Dial 800-228-8485 for Duke Energy to report power outage or fallen power line.
- Dial 407-656-2734 for Lake Apopka Gas to report problems with a gas line.
- Dial 407-317-3200 for Orange County Public Schools information.

## Helpful Websites

- Visit [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) to learn what actions to take in the event of a hurricane warning or alert in your area.
- Visit [www.nhc.noaa.gov](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov) to monitor any weather updates from the National Hurricane Center.
- Visit Orange County's Emergency Management page at [www.orangecountyfl.net/Emergency](https://www.orangecountyfl.net/Emergency) to view for all things related to the storm (Including storm recovery assistance).

## Helpful Mobile Applications


FEMA App: [www.fema.gov/mobile-app](https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app)

Visit [www.ocfl.net/apps](https://www.ocfl.net/apps) to find out about the alert apps provided by Orange County Florida Government.

## Emergency Kit Checklist

- Battery powered radio
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for kids
- Bottled water
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency information from [www.ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)
- Extra batteries
- Family Emergency Plan
- First aid kit & medications
- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Fully charged cell phone and charger
- Gas for a home generator
- Important documents in water proof container
- Non-electric can opener
- Non-perishable packaged foods
- Paper & pen or pencil
- Pet care items
- Special items for infants and the elderly
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled

**Note:** Be sure to have at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.  
For food, at least a three day supply.



### Create a Family Emergency Plan

Before an emergency happens, sit down with your family or close friends and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do after the storm. Include it in your emergency kit.

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**For more information about residential waste collection services visit [www.apopka.net/garbage](https://www.apopka.net/garbage).**