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Palm Beach County Emergency Management officials continue to actively monitor Tropical Storm Ian and its progress towards our area. Palm Beach County advises all residents and visitors to be aware of the potential impacts of Tropical Storm Ian and advises all county residents to visit www.pbcgov.com/hurricane, where individuals and businesses can build a disaster plan and a checklist to complete their disaster supply kits. If you have not built your kit, please take the time to do so. It is the peak of hurricane season and Palm Beach County wants to remind residents to be prepared.

The Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center is currently activated to a Level 3, which is enhanced monitoring. Emergency Management staff will stay in contact with the National Weather Service and the Florida Division of Emergency Management and implement protective actions as conditions require.

The School District of Palm Beach County continues to monitor Ian's track. As previously scheduled, tomorrow, Monday, September 26, is a Fall Holiday and schools will be closed while District offices will be open. Classes are expected to resume Tuesday based on the current forecast. All employees should report as scheduled.

Possible threats to Palm Beach County on Tuesday include heavy rains, gusty winds and a risk of tornadoes. Flooding in urban and low-lying areas is possible dependent on rainfall amounts. County staff has coordinated with South Florida Water Management District and all water control districts in preparation for potential flooding. There is currently not a high risk of tropical storm force winds in Palm Beach County, but that could change if the actual track of the storm moves eastward.

What Actions Should You Take To Be Prepared?

- Have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All-Hazards Weather Radio and battery backup to receive important weather and other emergency-related warnings.

- Build a disaster supply kit and have a family and/or business plan. Remember to also have a plan for pets.
- Identify a Safe Room in the interior of your home or business that can help provide protection for you and your family or your employees. This room should be located away from all windows and exterior walls and doors.
- Look up and determine if your home is in a storm surge evacuation zone at [Know Your Zone](#). If so, learn what needs to be done if you evacuate or stay when a storm is moving toward your area.
- Learn how to prepare your home from wind damage before a storm threatens your area.
- Make sure that all other aspects of your home are as protected from hurricanes as possible, including photos of property and insurance papers in waterproof containers.
- If you are a person or know of persons who depend upon electrically energized life support equipment within the home, a reminder that pre-registration is required for the [Special Needs Shelter](#).

Register for [AlertPBC](#) to receive local emergency alerts. For continuing information on Tropical Storm Ian, and for more information on the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management and hurricane preparedness, please visit our hurricane website www.pbcgov.com/hurricane, follow us on Twitter @PBCDEM and watch PBC-TV Channel 20.

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