



Dear Friends,

The 2019 hurricane season is here. Florida has experienced major storms in the last two years, including Hurricane Michael in 2018 and Hurricane Irma in 2017. Irma hit Palm Beach County as a powerful tropical storm causing over \$43 million in local damage.

Living in South Florida, we know how destructive and unpredictable hurricanes can be which is why it is critically important to plan ahead. I am pleased to again offer our annual Hurricane Guide as a public service to help you **plan, prepare** and **protect** you and your family. This popular resource is available for download from our website. Learn more below.

This month we also recognize our fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers and uncles. Happy Father's Day to all those celebrating. Thank you for giving our children someone to admire, respect and honor.

Best regards,

Anne M. Gannon

2019 Hurricane Season: Use our Guide and Stay Ahead of the Storm

Our Hurricane Guide contains practical information to help you get ready for storm season. The handy guide contains important phone numbers, a

timeline for storm preparations and a comprehensive list of supplies to keep in your hurricane kit. Visit our website to download your copy

www.pbctax.com/publications.

Stock up on Hurricane Supplies During Sales Tax Holiday

Stock up on hurricane supplies like batteries, tarps, flashlights and portable generators during Florida's sales tax "holiday" from May 31 to June 6. During this period, qualifying items related to disaster preparedness are exempt from sales tax. Take advantage of this tax break and reduce the costs associated with storm prep!



Ask Anne: How do I Renew My Local Business Tax Receipt?

Question: Hi, Anne! I am a business owner and just received a notice in the mail to renew my local business tax receipt. What's the easiest way to do this? – Phil, Belle Glade

Anne: Hello, Phil. You can avoid crowded offices by renewing your Local Business Tax Receipt (LBTR) online at www.pbctax.com. You can renew from July 1 through Sept. 30. Here are a few helpful tips for business owners:



- Sale of Business – If you sell your business, transfer the LBTR to the new owner. You must provide a bill of sale to the new owner and surrender the current original receipt to our office. The new owner will pay a transfer fee.
- Out of Business – If you close your business, please notify us immediately by emailing ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbcc.com or complete and sign the "out of business" portion of your Local Business Tax Notice payment stub. Mail the stub to: Palm Beach County Tax Collector, P.O. Box 3353, West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3353.

- Relocate Business – If you relocate your business, transfer your LBTR. You must complete a new LBTR application, provide proof of zoning approval (if required) and surrender the current original receipt.

Installment Payment Plan Reminder

Are you participating in our 2019 Property Tax Installment Payment Plan? Watch your mailbox for your first quarterly bill. You must make this first payment by June 30. Because June 30 falls on a Sunday, Florida Statute extends the payment deadline to the next business day, which is July 1.



If you miss the deadline, you will automatically be removed from the plan and will have to pay your property tax in one lump sum. View or pay your installment bill at www.pbctax.com. Pay by eCheck to avoid a convenience fee. All you need is your bank's routing number and your account number. It's that easy!

Helping You Plan Ahead

- June 1** – Tax certificate sale for delinquent real estate and tangible personal property taxes
- June 1 – July 1** – First property tax installment payment due
- June 16** – Father's Day
- June 30** – Last day to renew disabled person parking permits for organizations
- July 1** – Local business tax collections begin
- July 1** – New laws passed in 2019 Florida Legislative Session become effective

Do you have a birthday this month? Privately owned vehicle registrations expire at midnight on the first owner's birthday. Renew your registration for motor vehicles, mobile homes, motorcycles or vessels online at www.pbctax.com. If you have trouble renewing online, make sure your insurance information is up-to-date and there are no stops, holds or violations on your driver license.

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