



Community Update



A Monthly Newsletter from Hillsborough County Commissioner, Sandra Murman, District 1

The Board of County Commissioners is made up of 7 County Commissioners who are elected by voters. Sandy is passionate about responsible solutions for the people of Hillsborough County. This newsletter shares her commitments and schedules as an advocate for Hillsborough County, District 1.

Commissioner Murman Prepares District for 2014 Hurricane Season with "Get Ready!" Campaign

The most important thing that you can do is to be informed and prepared! Disaster prevention includes both being prepared as well as being safe. So County Commissioner Sandy Murman says Get Ready! With this special edition.



Disaster Prevention should include:

- [Developing a Family Plan](#)
- [Creating a Disaster Supply Kit](#)
- [Having a Place to Go](#)
- [Securing your Home](#)
- [Having a Pet Plan](#)

One of the most important decisions you will have to make is "Should I Evacuate?" If you are asked to evacuate, you should do so without delay. But unless you live in a coastal or low-lying area, an area that floods frequently, or in manufactured housing, it is unlikely that emergency managers will ask you to evacuate. That means that it is important for you and your family to **HAVE A PLAN** that makes you as safe as possible in your home. **Disaster prevention** includes modifying your home to strengthen it against storms so that you can be as safe as possible. It also includes having the supplies on hand to weather the storm. The suggestions provided here are only guides. You should use common sense in your disaster prevention. For more detailed information and to access special links, you may go to my website at: <http://www.sandymurman.com/> and click on the "Get Ready!" tab.

5 Things to Know:

Here are five things you need to know about hurricane season:

1. Know your evacuation zone: Check the county's evacuation map to be sure of the zone.
2. Find your closest shelter: Check the county disaster guide.
3. Know where your pet will go: Hillsborough County has four pet-friendly shelters.
4. Mobile home residents have special rules.
5. Keep a list of emergency contacts.

Your Get Ready! Supply List:

- Water – at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food – at least enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
 - food for infants or the elderly
 - snack food / non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools / fuel
 - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing – seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items – for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Radio – Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones – Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards – Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys, Toys, Books and Games
- Important documents – in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
 - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card.

Get Ready! With Sandy Meeting Schedule

Meet Preston Cook, Director of Hillsborough County Emergency Management, and learn what you can do to "Get Ready!"

Friday, May 30th, at 11:00 a.m.
Jan Platt Regional Library, Tampa



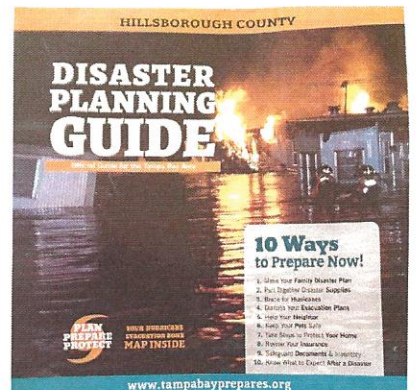
Friday, June 27th, at 11:30 a.m.
Town 'n Country Senior Center, 7606 Paula Drive, Tampa, FL

Wed., July 16th, 11:45 a.m.
SouthShore Chamber Luncheon Ruskin, FL

- Tools: keep set with you during storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items - proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water
- a carrier or cage

Hurricane Guides

The official Hillsborough County Disaster Planning Guide is available with evacuation zone information, sample family disaster plans, disaster supply lists, information on how to protect your home and business, along with what to do for your pets, and more. So, let your family, neighbors and friends know how important it is to "Get Ready!"



Important Get Ready! Websites & Numbers:

Hillsborough County
Office of Emergency Management
Website:
<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/oem>

Emergency Management: 272-6900
Emergency: 9-1-1

Florida Division of
Emergency Management:
www.FloridaDisaster.org

Storm Consumer
Hotline: 800-22-STORM

Legislative Aides:
Della Cury:
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