



**9 Ways to Prepare for Hurricane Season**

- ✓ Have a plan in place.
- ✓ Register now for HCFL Alerts.
- ✓ Know your evacuation zone.
- ✓ Pack an evacuation kit.
- ✓ Prepare your pets.
- ✓ Register for Special Needs Disaster Assistance.
- ✓ Get your property storm-ready.
- ✓ Help your business weather the storm.
- ✓ Stay informed with HCFLGov.net.

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**Stay Informed**

- Online:**  
HCFLGov.net/StaySafe
- By Text:**  
Text StaySafe to 888777
- By Phone:**  
813-272-5900 to reach At Your Service
- By Social:**  
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**Commissioner Sandy Murman at Carrollwood Window & Door with U.S. Senator Rick Scott for a Hurricane Preparedness Press Conference.**

**[2019 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday](#)**

The sales tax holiday begins Friday, May 31, 2019 and extends through Thursday, June 6, 2019. During this sales tax holiday period, qualifying items related to disaster preparedness are exempt from sales tax.

**[Sandbag machine could save Hillsborough County time during hurricane season](#)**

In preparation for hurricane season, Hillsborough County says they've made some big changes including adding six new sandbagging machines. "It probably triples or quadruples our previous production of backbreaking sandbag filling," said Chris Sanz with Hillsborough County.

**[Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System Wins Statewide 2019 Library of the Year Honors](#)**

A lot of Hillsborough County residents know their public libraries are pretty special. The Florida Library Association agrees. The professional organization that represents academic, public, and school libraries across the state has named the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library system as its 2019 Library of the Year.

**[Tampa ranks high for best Staycation city](#)**

There are certain places that offer plenty of options for entertainment and relaxation at the right price point, making those cities the perfect spots for staying local. To help you decide whether to leave home or bring vacation to your front door, WalletHub compared more than 180 cities based on 43 key indicators of a fun-filled yet wallet-friendly staycation. Read on for the full ranking, our methodology and useful staycationing tips from experts.

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

**Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 a.m.** – Hurricane Prep Meeting, Tampa Downtown Partnership, TECO Plaza, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

**Thursday June 6, 8:00 a.m.** – Hurricane Prep Talk at the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Jan Platt Library

**Tuesday, June 11, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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**WHAT'S ON THE BOCC AGENDA?**

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