



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Hurricane Season

The hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th each year and requires serious attention from all town residents. According to the National Weather Association, this year there is an 85% chance of an above-normal season, a 10% chance of a near-normal season, and a 5% chance of a below-normal season for this hurricane season.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts a range of 17 to 25 total named storms with winds of 39 mph or higher. Within that range, 8 to 13 storms are expected to become hurricanes with winds of 74 mph or higher, and among those, 4 to 7 may develop into major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5) with winds of 111 mph or higher. The forecasters have 70% confidence in these ranges.

Regardless of predictions, it takes only one devastating storm to make it a “bad” hurricane season.

The message is clear - ***HAVE A PLAN & BE PREPARED!***

Residents should know that Highland Beach is a **MANDATORY EVACUATION ZONE** when a Category 2 hurricane or higher is expected. In the event of an evacuation order, everyone should comply. Emergency responders cannot assist in high winds or dangerous weather conditions. If there is an emergency during a storm, expect significant delays in receiving help.

As with past storms, NO specific “pass or placard” is required to return to town after evacuating. Residents with identification showing their home address will be allowed back if safe to do so and conditions allow. Any workers or caretakers returning to town will need identification and the address and resident/condominium name they are going to.

In previous hurricane seasons, the Town’s ***CodeRED*** notification system has been the most effective way to share important and timely information with our residents. If you haven’t already, please register for ***CodeRED*** as soon as possible. You can do this through the Town’s website.

Please contact us if we can be of any assistance in your planning and preparation. We are always available to meet with residents, HOA members, or your association’s staff.

You can learn more about ***Hurricane Preparedness*** and resources through our website at highlandbeach.us.

The top priority of the ***Highland Beach Police and Fire Rescue*** is to ensure the safety, security, and health of our community before, during, and after any storm.

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