

# STAY CONNECTED THROUGH THE SEASON

**visit** [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)

for hurricane news, evacuation maps, shelter information and more.

**sign up** on [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)

for the free, award-winning *Pinellas County E-Lert* electronic newsletter to receive current news, preparation tips, educational opportunities and emergency notifications year-round.

**watch** PCC-TV

for hurricane programming and emergency operations center updates. Tune to Bright House 622, Knology 18 or Verizon 44.

**sign up** on your cell phone

to receive the community notification system's emergency text messages. Call (888) 689-8905 from your cell phone.

**call** the Citizens Information Center (CIC)

for information before, during and after the storm. Only open during emergencies. Call (727) 464-4333.



### HOW TO FIND YOUR EVACUATION ZONE:\*

- Look at the map on pages 6 and 7
- Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)
- Call (727) 453-3150 and enter your ten digit home telephone number

\*Mobile home residents must always evacuate!

### Tune to PCC-TV for Informative Hurricane Programs

*Tape Strikes Out*  
*Shuttering Your Home*  
*Hurricane 101*  
*Evacuate Your Mobile Home*  
*...and much more*

Watch live EOC updates during activations.

All shows are available for download on our website  
[WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/MEDIA](http://WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/MEDIA)



BRIGHT HOUSE 622 · KNOLOGY 18 · VERIZON 44

## Presentations and Classes Are Available

If your organization, school or place of employment would like to get better informed about hurricanes and preparedness, contact the Pinellas County Speakers Bureau to arrange for a speaker. Call (727) 464-3000 to schedule.

**Presentation topics include:**

- Becoming Storm Savvy
- Hurricane 101
- Busting Hurricane Myths
- Hurricanes for Kids



TO LOCATE A PRESENTATION CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/EMERGENCY](http://WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/EMERGENCY)

## Weather Alert Radios Save Lives of Residents



Severe weather can often strike quickly, even during the very early morning hours. An alarm from a weather alert radio can mean the difference between life and death because every minute counts in that kind of situation.

Pinellas County Emergency Management staff strongly urges residents to buy a weather alert radio. Just like a smoke alarm, this radio can save your life. Weather alert radios can be found at many retailers, in catalogs and online.

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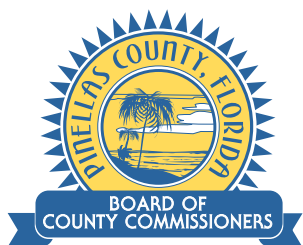
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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners wishes to thank you for reading this guide and arming yourself with information that can save your life and your property should a hurricane hit Pinellas County. Regardless of when the last storm impacted our coast or what the predictions are for the upcoming season, it only takes a hit from one storm to make a terrible season and devastate our area.

A good hurricane plan is your best strategy against disaster, so HAVE A PLAN! Know whether your home is in an evacuation zone. If it is, then you will need to evacuate from deadly storm-surge flooding when your evacuation level is ordered by the county. Take steps to secure your property and care for your pets. And finally, reach out a helping hand to the elderly and disabled. Don't assume they have a plan or have preregistered for special needs assistance. You can be the voice that encourages them to take these life-saving steps. Local authorities can help, but they need to know, before the storm threatens, who requires transportation, shelter or medical assistance.

**PREPARATION IS YOUR KEY TO SURVIVAL.  
 REMEMBER, SURVIVING THE STORM IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

## CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER

OPEN IN TIMES OF PENDING COUNTY EMERGENCIES  
 CALL (727) 464-4333