



Be Prepared!

Preparation key for getting through a hurricane. Your water and sewer may be disrupted before, during, or after the storm. Taking the proper steps to prepare will help you be ready for the storm!

Communication Information

Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service
(727) 464-4000

Evacuation Zone Information
(727) 464-3800
(727) 453-3150 *Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS)*

Citizens Information Center
(727) 464-4333 *This number is only active during an emergency*

Website Information
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency
www.pinellascounty.org/utilities

Know Your Evacuation Zone!
<https://kyz.pinellascounty.org/>

Water Storage (1-2-3)

Store at least a one-week supply of water for each member of your household (*one gallon per person per day*).

Store water in thoroughly washed plastic, glass, fiberglass or enamel-lined metal containers.

You can also store water in your bathtub. Thoroughly clean, rinse, wipe with bleach then fill the tub.

Your **hot water heater** is another source of usable water:

- Before the storm, turn off the water inlet valve and the power to the water heater.
- Open the drain valve at the bottom to allow sediment to drain out until the water runs clear.
- Close the drain valve at the bottom and turn on the water inlet valve to refill the water heater.

Preparedness Checklist

Things to do:

- Sterilize bathtub, jugs, bottles, and other containers for water storage
- Freeze water in plastic jugs
- Take unused and hazardous household chemicals and electronics to the Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center
- Remove large pieces of yard debris
- Prune trees and limbs

Things to buy & keep on hand

- 5-gallon buckets with tight fitting lids
- Household Chlorine Bleach (pure, unscented, liquid)
- Heavy duty plastic trash bags
- Deodorizer (e.g., carpet deodorizer)
- Water purification tablets

Purifying Water

Boiling is the safest way to purify water. Bring the water to a rolling boil for three minutes. Let the water cool before drinking.

As an alternative, use water purification tablets as directed or use liquid chlorine bleach (*household bleach*) to kill microorganisms. The disinfection procedure for liquid chlorine bleach is usually written on the label. If it is not given, read the percentage of available chlorine and use the guidelines below:

| Available Chlorine (see container label) | Drops per Quart of Clear Water |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1% | 10 |
| 4-6% | 2 |
| 7-10% | 1 |

Do not use scented bleach, color safe bleach, or bleach with added cleaners. Mix the water thoroughly and allow it to stand for 30 minutes. The water should have a slight chlorine odor. If it does not, the disinfecting process should be repeated.

