

PREPARE AND BE AWARE

This brochure will provide you with great resources and tools to help you be prepared for an emergency. It also provides information on how you can help your city in the aftermath. Be prepared, but also get involved in your community through the City of Tamarac's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), the Fire Rescue Cadet Program (for ages 13 - 17 years of age), or through the City's general volunteer program.



DID YOU KNOW?

During and after **an emergency**, such as a hurricane, the City of Tamarac will activate the following numbers:

Hurricane Hotline..... (954) 597-3800

Recorded Updates..... (954) 718-1800

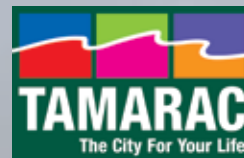
Volunteer Desk..... (954) 597-3620

HURRICANE KIT

DO THIS

Below is a list of items that the National Hurricane Center recommends to be included in your basic Hurricane Kit. Take this list with you as you shop for your supplies so that you can **Prepare and Be Aware!**

- Water: At least 1 gallon of water daily per person for between 3 to 7 days
- Food: At least enough for 3 to 7 days, to include:
 - Non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices
 - Non-electric can opener
 - Cooking tools (pots, portable stove or grill with fuel/charcoal)
- Linens: Blankets/Pillows, etc.
- Clothing: Seasonal/Rain Gear/Sturdy Shoes
- Medical: First Aid Kit/Medicines/Prescription Drugs
- Toiletries/Hygiene Items/Moisture Wipes
- Flashlight/Batteries/Car Charger(s) for Cell Phones
- Radio: Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones: Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards: Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Toys, Books and Games
- Important documents: In a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
- Tools: Keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items (proper identification, ample supply of food and water, a carrier or cage)

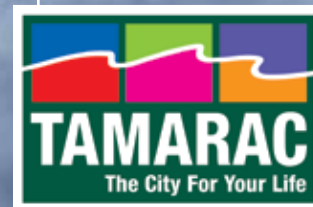


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INFORMATION



BE PREPARED

The following are a few of the services Tamarac offers residents as well as ways that residents can give back and participate in the community. This hurricane season, and throughout the year, **Prepare and Be Aware**.

Emergency Medical Charging Stations Program
(Hurricane Season only)

Following a hurricane, when it has been determined that conditions are safe to move about the City, a room at the Tamarac Community Center will be designated to provide charging for essential medical equipment (as determined by the Social Services staff). **Pre-registration is required.** Qualified residents of the Program will receive a call by staff pre-storm advising them of the location of the recharging station. The location will not be made public. To register, please call **(954) 597-3642**.

POD: Location and Notification

After a hurricane (or other event that may knock out power to residents), a Point of Distribution (POD) will be set up where water and ice will be distributed. Tamarac's POD will be located behind the Tamarac Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Blvd.) on 57th Street. For information contact **(954) 597-3620**.

Social Services Programs

Tamarac's Social Services office oversees 32 senior and social services programs. Last fiscal year we serviced 1,220 individuals with health services, provided 3,337 meals to seniors at the Community Center, assisted 2,263 people with our support and counseling groups, and assisted 28 individuals with financial assistance. Special events are conducted every year which include flu shots, health fair and more. For more information please call, **(954) 597-3642**.

Volunteer Program

The City encourages residents to become involved in order to build a strong sense of community. Our volunteers take part in a wide variety of activities including helping seniors, participating in special events, assisting the Parks and Recreation Department and other activities. If you're interested in volunteering, or have questions, contact us by calling **(954) 597-3642**.

BE INVOLVED

CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*)

Available to residents throughout the year. The CERT Program prepares residents to respond to day-to-day emergencies and large scale disaster events. This 24-hour instructional program offers Search and Rescue, Emergency Medical First Aid and triage, fire suppression instruction and activity, psychology of a disaster and more. Residents will receive a certificate of completion, shirt and equipment when activated. Interested residents may contact the Program Manager, Van Schoen, at **(954) 597-3805**.

CodeRED

CodeRED is a free service for Tamarac residents that offers emergency notification before, during and after an event takes place. Notices for events such as boil water warnings, major road closures, and up-to-date hurricane information (pre and post storm). Residents are urged to take a few moments to sign up either online at **www.tamarac.org** (the CodeRED link is in the lower right-hand corner) or by calling **(954) 597-3800**.

Emergency Twitter Account

As a compliment to its popular Twitter account (**www.twitter.com/CityofTamarac**), the City of Tamarac has an additional Twitter account that will only be used in emergencies such as hurricanes and other natural disasters, boil water alerts, etc. Residents are encouraged to set up this account to receive text messages to their cell phones (regular text message rates will apply; however this account will only be used in emergency situations). You can sign-up for the City of Tamarac's Emergency Twitter Account at: **www.twitter.com/COTemergency**.

Fire Rescue Cadet Program

This program is offered to young men and women in Tamarac who have an interest in the fire and/or EMS service. Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age and must be prepared to take physical challenges, such as 30-45 minute work outs, high intensity team building exercises, hands-on as well as classroom instruction in both fields. Interested individuals may contact the Program Manager, Van Schoen, at **(954) 597-3805**.

BE AWARE

The following web sites and telephone numbers are your best resources to gain information about preparing for a hurricane... or when a disaster strikes.

WEB SITES

City of Tamarac:
www.tamarac.org

Broward County Hurricane Preparedness:
www.broward.org/hurricane

American Red Cross -- Broward County:
www.browardredcross.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):
www.fema.org

National Hurricane Center:
www.nhc.noaa.gov

Ready.gov (Great Teacher/Parent site):
www.ready.gov

State of Florida Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY:911

Tamarac:

Building Services: (954) 597-3420

Code Compliance: (954) 597-3425

CodeRED® Sign-up: (954) 597-3800

Public Works: (954) 597-3700

Other Resources:

American Red Cross: (954) 797-3800
Broward County

Hurricane Hotline: (954) 831-4000

Broward Sheriffs Office:

Non-Emergency: (954) 765-4321

Tamarac District: (954) 720-2225

FEMA: 1 (800) 621-FEMA

Trash and Recycling:

All Service: (954) 583-1830
(Recycling/Single-family pick-up)

Waste Management: (954) 974-7500
(Multi-family home pick-up)