

# HOLMES BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2025

# Hurricane Season



# Overview

- ✓ Know your home
- ✓ Know your level
- ✓ Evacuation tips
- ✓ Prepare your home/hardening tips
- ✓ Sandbag/shelter locations
- ✓ 911 vs. 311

# 2025 Hurricane Season

## It only takes 1



# HURRICANE CATEGORIES

## SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE



**74-95mph**

- Roof damage
- Large branches will snap & trees may topple
- Potential damage to power lines



**96-110mph**

- Major roof damage
- Trees will be snapped or uprooted
- Near-total power loss is expected



**111-129mph**

- Household structure damage
- Trees will be snapped or uprooted
- Electricity & water will be unavailable for days to weeks



**130-156mph**

- Severe household structure damage
- Trees will be snapped or uprooted
- Power outages will last weeks to months



**157+ mph**

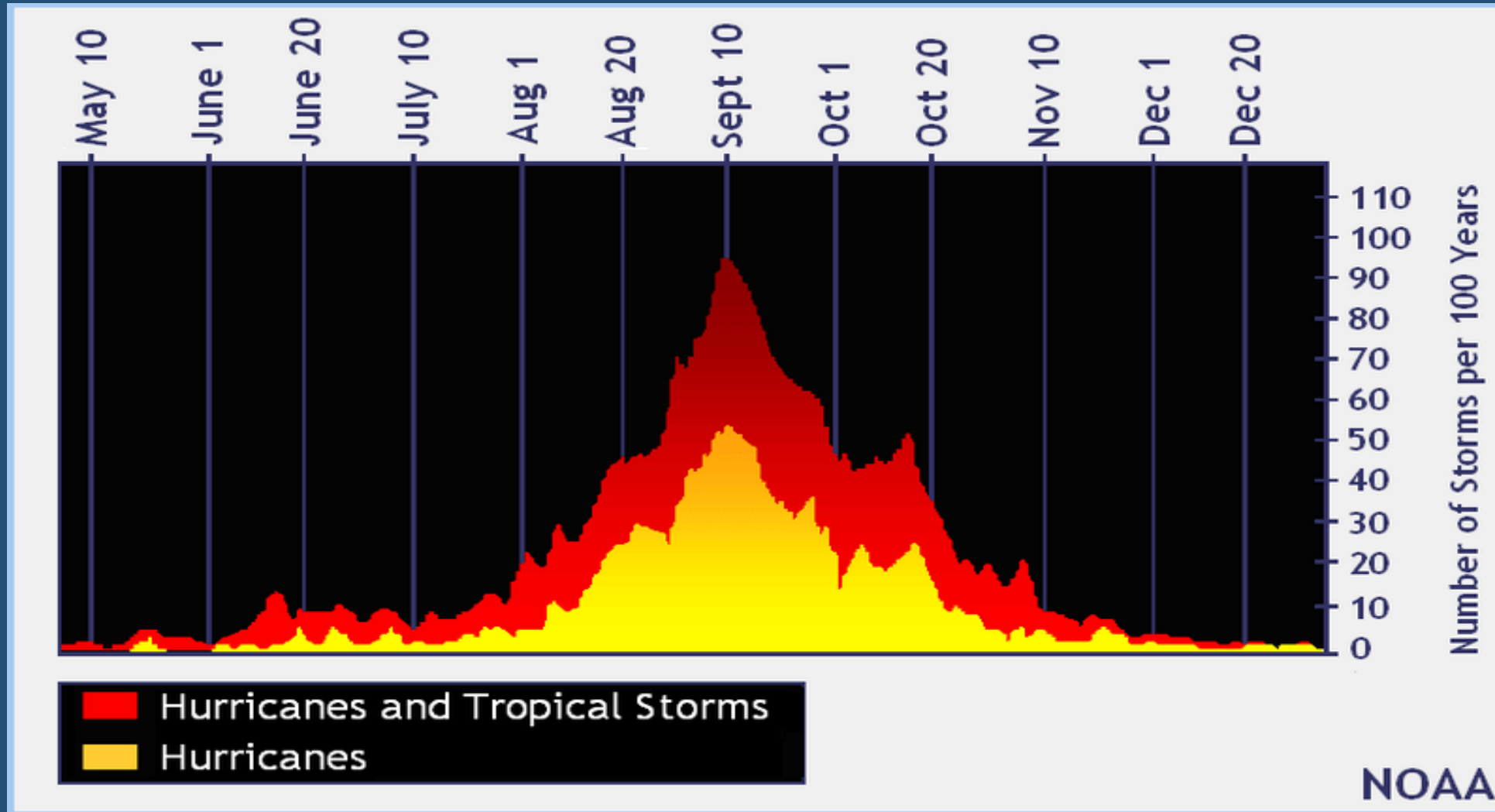
- Extreme household structure damage
- Fallen trees will isolate residential areas
- Power outages will last weeks to months

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# When does Hurricane Season Peak?

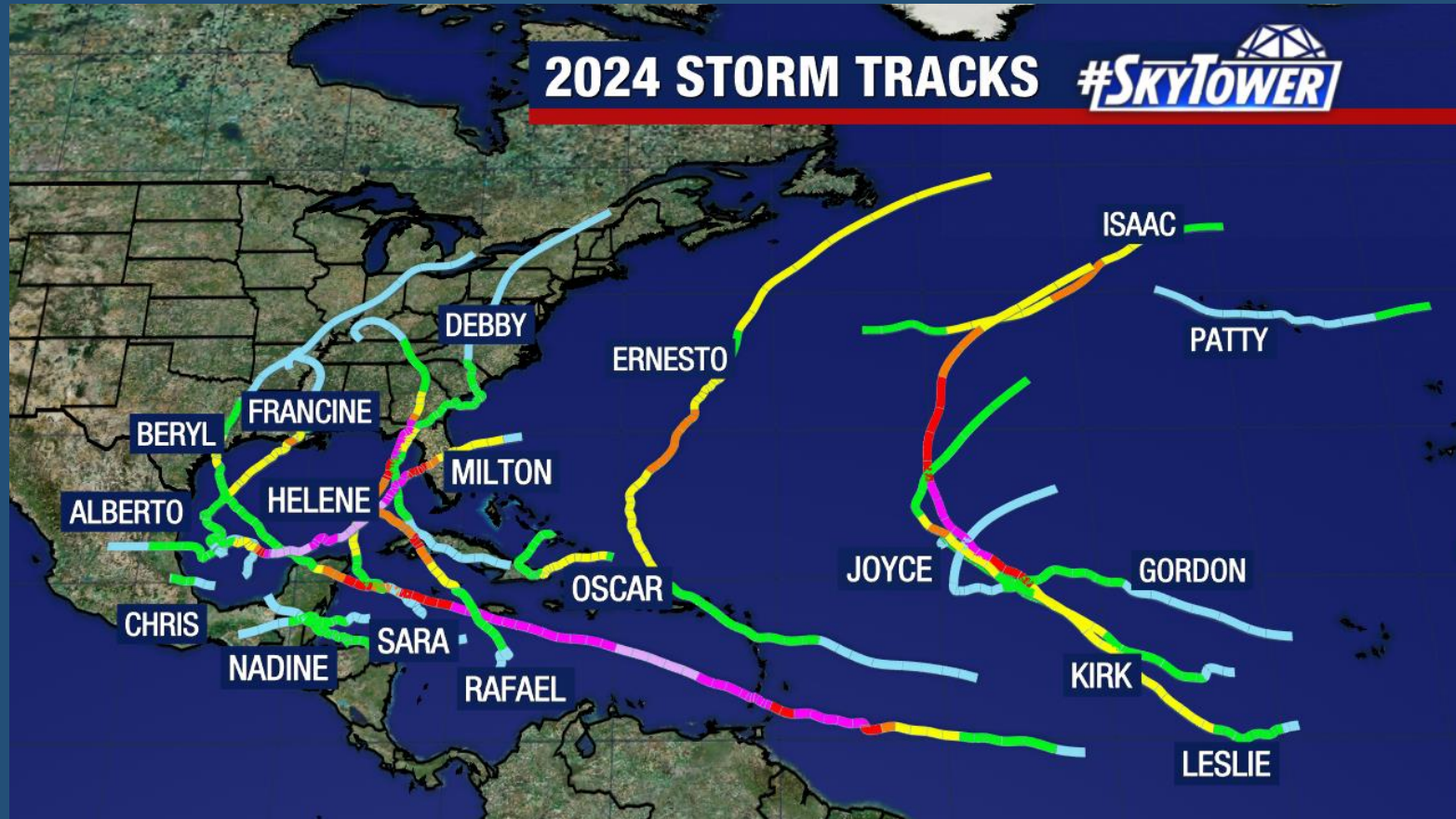


Where were the nation's most powerful hurricanes three days before landfall?

**All tropical storms!  
All rapidly strengthened!!**



# 2024 Hurricanes





# Manatee County, Florida All-Hazards Disaster Planning Guide



Do you know your **Evacuation Level**? Check the map or visit [mymanatee.org/evacuation\\_levels](https://mymanatee.org/evacuation_levels)

Connect with Manatee County

[mymanatee.org/weather](https://mymanatee.org/weather)

[facebook.com/  
manateecountypublicsafetydepartment](https://facebook.com/manateecountypublicsafetydepartment)

[twitter.com  
@MCGPPublicSafety](https://twitter.com/MCGPPublicSafety) & @ManateeGov

## PREPARE

Your Disaster Plan  
Disaster Supply Kit  
Keeping Animals Safe  
Preparing Businesses

## RESPOND

Bracing for a Storm  
Evacuate or Stay?  
Special Needs Populations

# 2025 All- Hazard Disaster Planning Guides







**A storm is coming...**  
*what do I do?*

- Talk to your friends, family, and neighbors about hurricane preparedness.
- Ask what you can do to help others.
- Know when to ask for help for yourself.

# Have a disaster kit!

- Have enough supplies, food, water, medicine, flashlights, batteries, and sanitary items to last at least a week, preferred 10 – 14 days.
- What are *other items* that you might need in your disaster kit?



# Have a Disaster Kit Ready Stock up *NOW!!!*

- Change of clothes
- Bedding supplies
- Books, games
- Cell phone chargers
- Personal comfort items
- Have supplies to last at least *a week*
- Take *prescription bottles*
- CASH*
- Hand Sanitizer





DON'T WAIT!  
STOCK UP EARLY ON SUPPLIES!



# Important Documents

Keep copies of your important documents, such as:

- Personal information
- Re-entry tag (if there is an evacuation order)
- Insurance cards/phone numbers
- Home inventory including serial numbers for all appliances
- Photographs of your belongings
- Scan copies of documents to the cloud or a thumb drive.



# Stay connected with Alerts and Warnings

- ▶ The National Weather Service issues weather notifications 24/7 directly to news media, weather radios, and reverse 911 systems.
- ▶ Have a Public Alert™ certified NOAA Weather Radio and battery backup to receive warnings.
- ▶ Register for Text-My Gov:
  - ▶ To sign up, simply text HOLMESBEACH to 91896 and reply YES to confirm





# Remember to Prepare for Children



- First Aid items, diapers, bottles, etc.
- Books and games.
- Comfort items:
  - Favorite blankets
  - Stuffed animals
  - Kid-friendly foods and healthy snacks

# PET SAFETY HURRICANE CHECKLIST

**BEFORE THE STORM:** Remain Calm, Stay Informed and Be Prepared.  
The calmer you are, the less stressed your pet will be.

## To Do LIST:

- ☐ Get pet emergency stickers
- ☐ Microchip your pets
- ☐ Choose an alternate caregiver
- ☐ Download ASPCA mobile APP
- ☐ Keep up heartworm prevention
- ☐ Store vet info in your phone
- ☐ Be prepared to evacuate
- ☐ Gather hurricane supplies



Photos of your pets  
(printed and on your phone)

Copies of pet medical records (printed  
and online or stored in an app)

- EXTRA SUPPLIES  
FOR EVACUATING:**
- Disposable litter box
  - Food dishes and water bowls
  - Travel dog crate

## HURRICANE KIT SUPPLIES



**AFTER THE STORM:** Don't lose hope if you become separated from your pet.  
Remain calm if your pet is injured. Use your first aid kit and call a vet.

Don't forget your pets!  
Have an emergency kits for them  
too!



# WHY ARE EVACUATION ORDERS ISSUED???



Evacuations are called for *two reasons*:



# #1 LIFE SAFETY



# #2 RESCUES WON'T HAPPEN DURING THE STORM



# If you are ordered to evacuate:



Stay at a friend, family member's house or a hotel *outside of the evacuation* area.



Go to a location where there is no weather threat.

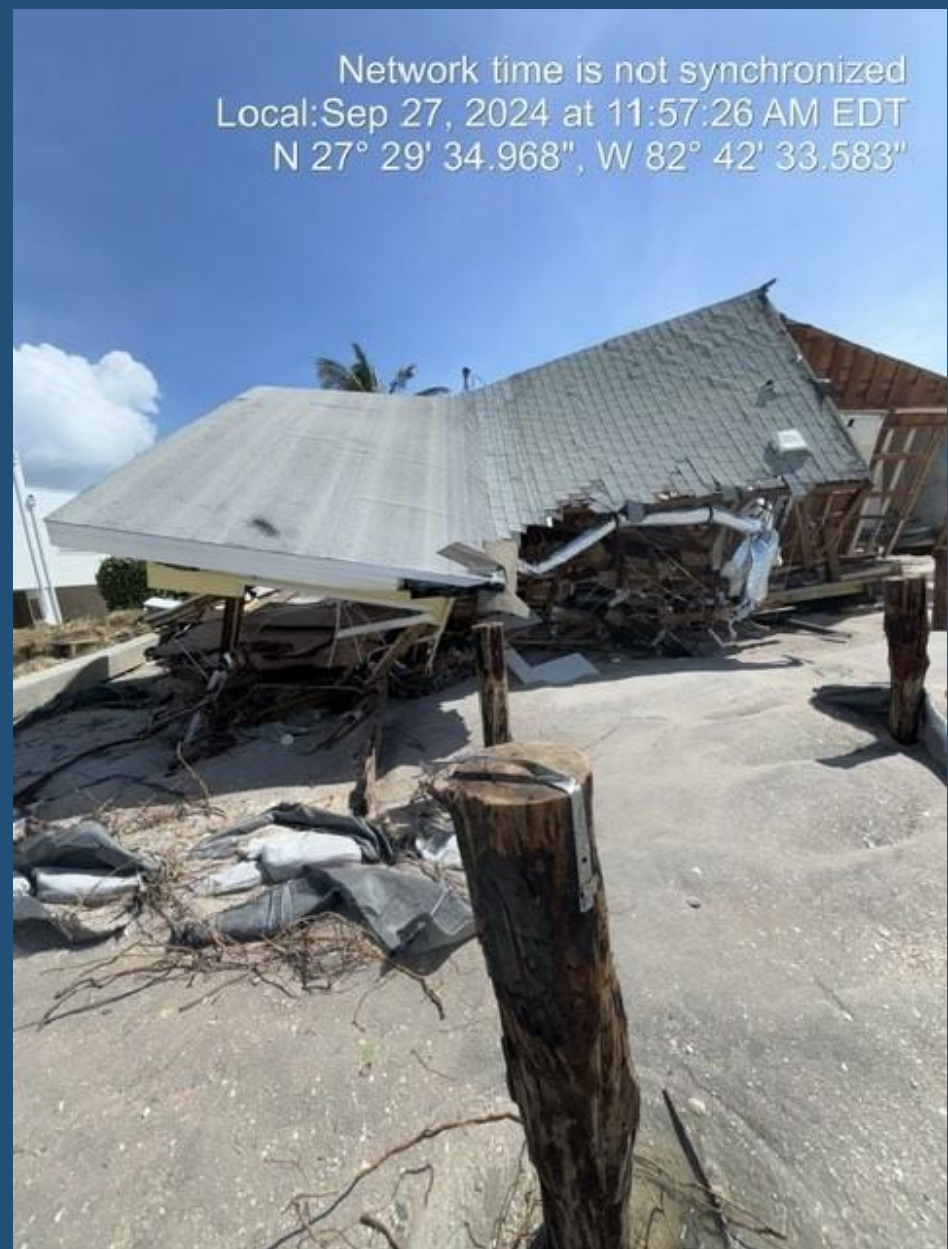


Roads and airports will be very busy. *Leave as early as possible.*



Take your pet(s) with you!





**After Hurricane Helene's Storm Surge**



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Local: Sep 27, 2024 at 12:08:53 PM EDT  
N 27° 29' 26.846", W 82° 42' 33.473"



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3108 Avenue F  
Holmes Beach FL 34217  
United States



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After Hurricane Helene's Storm Surge





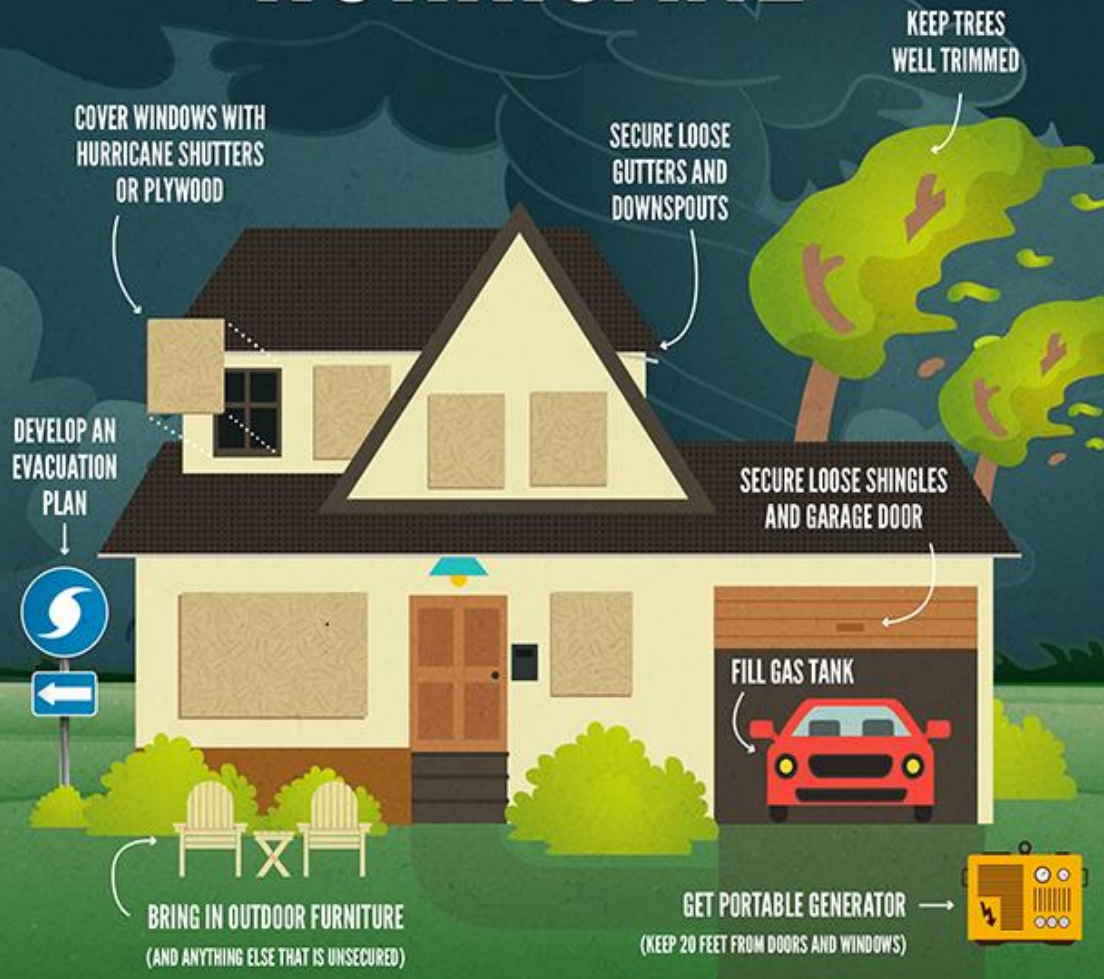
**After Hurricane Milton's Winds**





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# PREPARE YOUR HOUSE FOR A HURRICANE



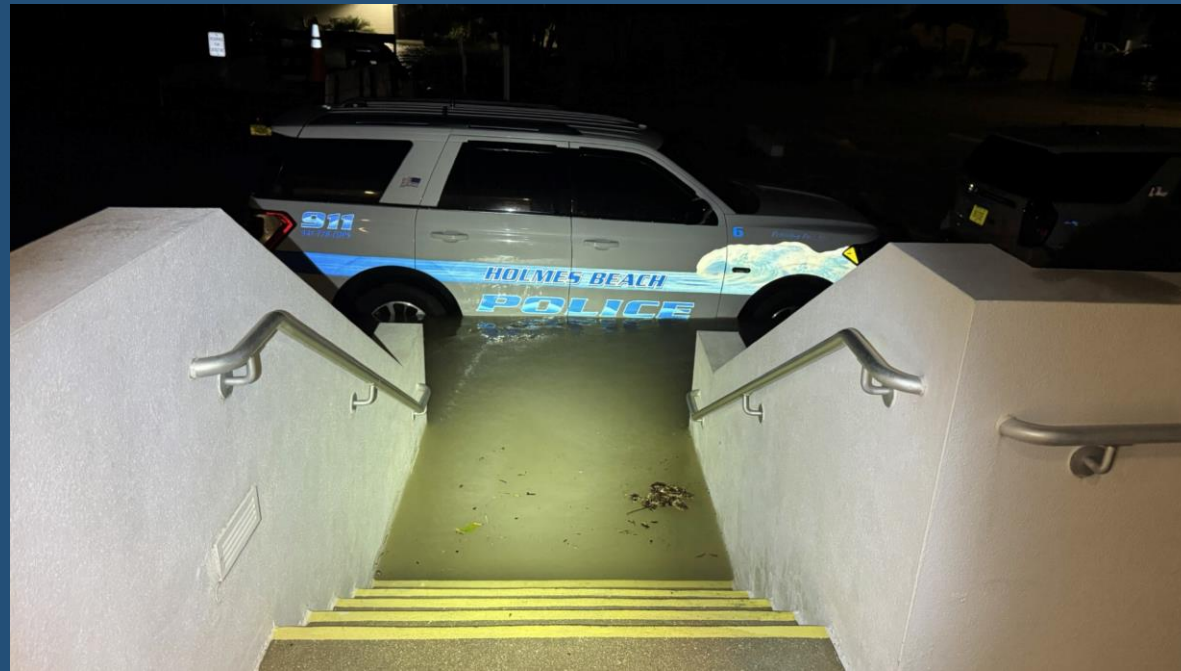
## Before evacuating your home, remember to:

- ✓ Remove all electric vehicles including cars, golf carts and e-bikes off island
- ✓ Turn off main electric breaker to your home
- ✓ Turn off all utilities in your home:
  - ❖ Main water supply to your home
  - ❖ Natural/propane gas
- ✓ Remove all perishables items from your home:
  - ❖ Damaged appliances must have ALL perishable food items removed before being placed at the curb for pickup
- ✓ Bring all outdoor items inside:
  - ❖ Patio/pool furniture
  - ❖ Plants



# Non-Response of First Responders

- EMS and Fire
  - Sustained winds of 45 mph +
- Law Enforcement
  - Sustained winds of 55 mph+ and/or high storm surge





# SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION CENTER

**Official National Weather Service Forecasts  
for All Municipalities**

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**Tropical Storm Outlooks**

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**Power Outage Information**

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**Sandbag Availability**

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**Evacuation Orders and Open Shelters**

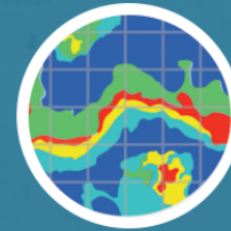
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**County Social Media Posts**

<https://mymanatee.org/weather>



Weather  
Information



Evacuation  
Information &  
Emergency Shelters



Sandbag  
Distribution



ManateeReady  
Website



# SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION CENTER



**GET #MANATEEREADY**

## **KNOW YOUR HOME**

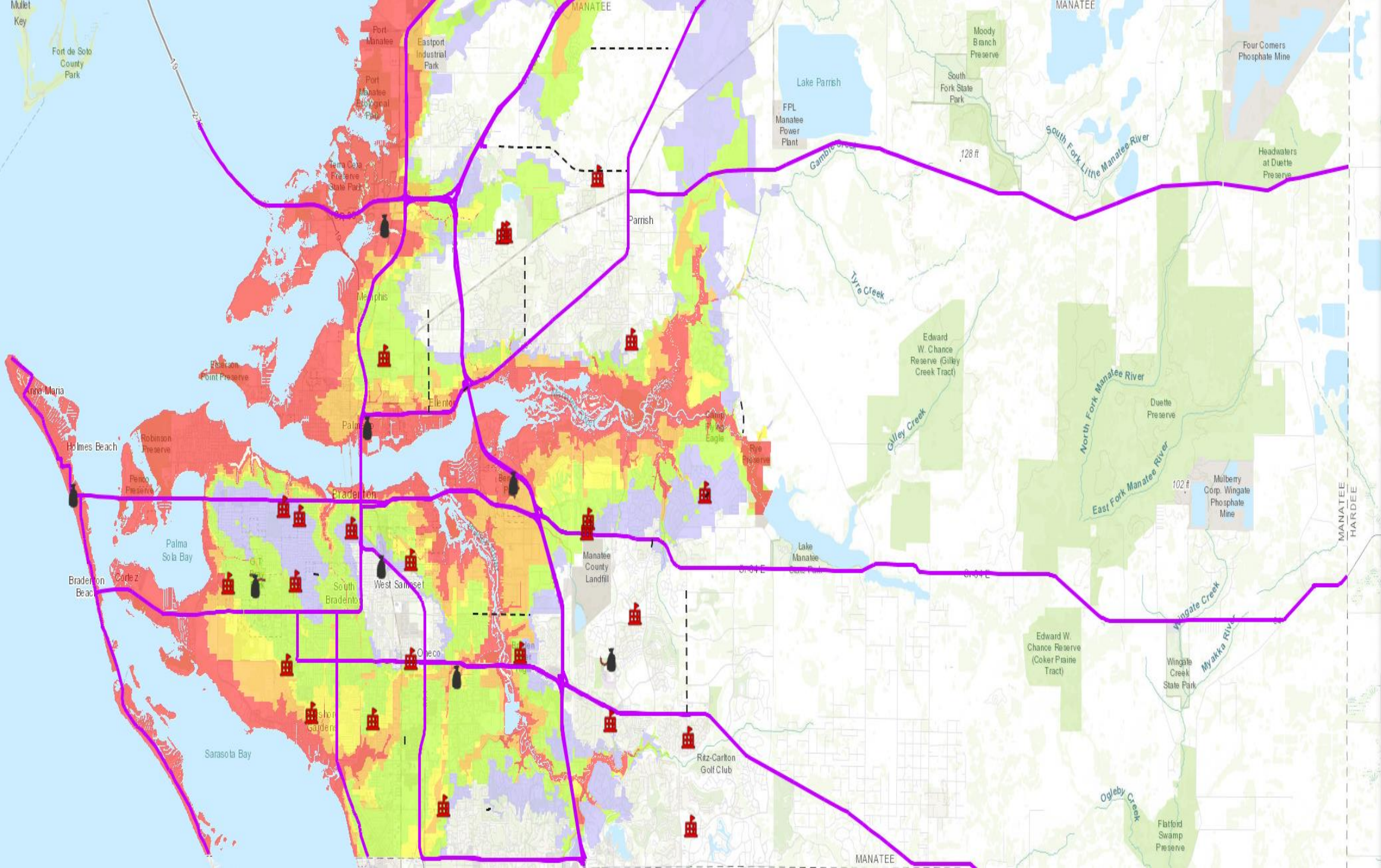
Manatee County Building Codes have changed over the years. Newer homes are required to be built to sustain higher winds.

- Built on or after March 2012 = 150 mph winds
- Built March 2002 - March 2012 = 130 mph winds
- Built before March 2002 = 110 mph on the coast, as low as 90 mph in places like Duette

For more information visit  
[mymanatee.org/manateeready](http://mymanatee.org/manateeready)









# Shelters: Refuge of Last Resort



- Should be a last resort!
- Located in select public schools.
- Your closest shelter may *not* be the one that is open.
- Bring *ALL* personal supplies, including a cot or mattress and bedding supplies.

# Shelters in Manatee County

- 26 General Population Shelters
  - 3 of which are Pet Friendly
- 2 Special Needs Shelters
  - Both Pet Friendly



# Medical Special Needs Shelter

- Oxygen-dependent patients
- Electricity-dependent patients
- Alzheimer's/Dementia

# Medical Special Needs Shelter

- Client must be a Manatee County resident that is living independently (i.e., not a patient of a nursing home, rehab, or assisted living facility).
- Transportation via bus to the medical special needs shelter.
- Sign up, it's *free!*

[www.mymanatee.org/needs](http://www.mymanatee.org/needs)



**MEDICAL SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER**  
Part of the Special Needs Program of Manatee County

Please read and keep all the information about the medical special needs shelter before filling out this application. Filling out this application does not guarantee access to the medical special needs shelter.

Return this form to Manatee County Emergency Management, PO Box 1000, Bradenton, Florida 32306

**INFORMATION FOR THE PERSON NEEDING HELP**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female  
Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address (include apartment/lot #) \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone or TTY/TDD \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Type [check one box]:  
☐ Single Family Home ☐ Multi-Family Home ☐ Apartment ☐ Mobile Home  
Mailing Address: (Please enter ONLY if different than your Physical Address)  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**CAREGIVER INFORMATION: YOU MUST BRING A FULL-TIME CAREGIVER TO THE SHELTER**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (include apartment/lot #) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ FLORIDA Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone or TTY/TDD \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION**

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Checking this box allows medical information to be shared with this Emergency Contact

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Physician Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Health Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Pharmacy Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Evacuation Assistance

- Part of the Special Needs Program:
  - ✓ Transportation via bus to a general shelter or pet-friendly shelter
  - ✓ Transportation via bus to the medical special needs shelter
- Sign up *annually*, it's *free*!
- **Sign up EARLY – DON'T WAIT!**

<h2 style="margin: 0;">TRANSPORTATION REQUEST</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Part of the Special Needs Program of Manatee County</p>	
Use this form to request bus transportation to a general shelter, should county evacuation orders be given. You MUST pre-register for evacuation transportation assistance. <b>Return this form to Manatee County Emergency Management, PO Box 1000, Bradenton, Florida 32306</b>	
INFORMATION FOR THE PERSON REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION	
First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____  Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female  Physical Address (include apartment/lot #) _____  Subdivision _____ City _____ Zip Code _____  Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone or TTY/TDD _____  Residence Type [check one box]: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Home <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Home <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home  Mailing Address: (Please enter ONLY if different than your Physical Address) Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____	
DO YOU HAVE A SERVICE ANIMAL?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES    Type of Animal _____ Type of service provided _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
How many people will be sheltering with you? _____  Are you able to get on a bus using the steps? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  If not, are you able to get on a bus using the lift? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Do you use a wheelchair? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Please include any additional information that may be helpful:     <input type="checkbox"/> I authorize emergency response personnel to enter my home for search and rescue operations.	
SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING ASSISTANCE (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)	DATE
NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT THIS FORM (if not the individual)	PHONE

# TextMyGov

## ✓ *City of Holmes Beach Text Message Updates*



CITY ALERTS!  
**91896**

HOLMESBEACH

You've requested to join our text notification list.  
Reply 'YES' to opt-in.

Yes

You have successfully opted-in.

HOLMESBEACH

123 globe microphone space return

## Sign up to receive city text message notifications!

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*Opt-in today.*

Text **HOLMESBEACH**  
to: **91896**



# COHB Social Media

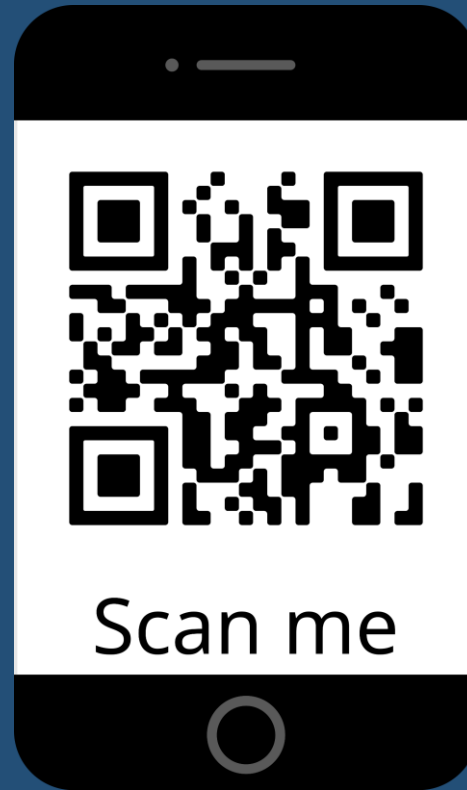
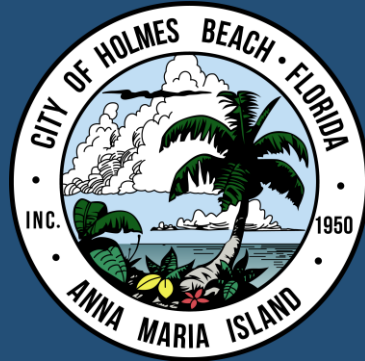


✓ *Facebook*



✓ *Instagram*

✓ *Holmesbeachfl.org*

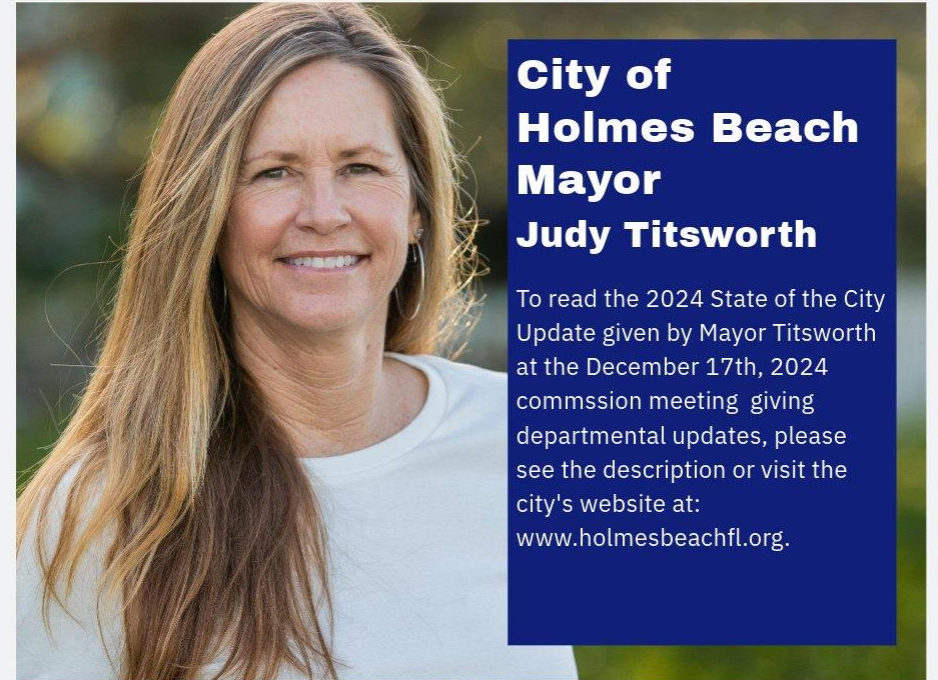


2024 State of the City

12-27-24



## City of Holmes Beach



### City of Holmes Beach Mayor Judy Titsworth

To read the 2024 State of the City Update given by Mayor Titsworth at the December 17th, 2024 commission meeting giving departmental updates, please see the description or visit the city's website at:  
[www.holmesbeachfl.org](http://www.holmesbeachfl.org).

Read at the  
Tuesday, December 17th, 2024  
Commission Meeting

Read More  
[www.holmesbeachfl.org](http://www.holmesbeachfl.org)

# AlertManatee

✓ *AlertManatee* sends emergency notifications like:

- Evacuation Orders
- Shelter Openings
- Boil Water Notices
- Weather Alerts

*[mymanatee.org/alertmanatee](http://mymanatee.org/alertmanatee)*



# KNOW WHEN TO CALL 3-1-1 DURING A HURRICANE

## Your **STORM PREPAREDNESS**

### Headquarters

- ✓ Sandbag Locations
- ✓ Shelter Locations
- ✓ Evacuation Levels/Zones
- ✓ Special Needs
- ✓ Street Flooding
- ✓ Storm Damage:
  - Trees Down
  - Power Lines Down

[www.mymanatee.org/311](http://www.mymanatee.org/311)





# After The Storm

- The storm has passed but the danger is not over!
- Most injuries and deaths are caused indirectly from the storm — long after the storm has passed.
- The more you can prepare before the storm, the more comfortable you'll be after the storm passes.



# After the storm

- Prolonged water and power outages can make life uncomfortable even if your home did not sustain damage
- Gas stations and grocery stores may not be open for days after a storm
- Credit and debit cards can't work without electricity and a phone line. (Always get cash before a storm.)
- Cell and internet service may be out





# Thank You!

## ► Questions?

