



WE SURVIVED... HURRICANE IRMA

We hope that this issue of Newsday Tuesday finds you, your family, loved ones, and friends safe and secure. Our properties may be damaged and trees may have toppled, but these can be repaired and replaced.

On the following pages, you will find information to assist you in the aftermath of the storm. The City will provide additional information as it becomes available. For up-to-the minute information, visit our website at **Happening Now** at <http://www.westonfl.org/HappeningNow.aspx>.

The Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager and Staff appreciate your patience as we approach the road ahead.

Tips for after the storm:

- **Do not allow children to play in standing water.** Water can be electrically charged due to downed power lines and can be contaminated.
- **If your power was out for an extended period, check food in your refrigerator and freezer for contamination.** When in doubt, throw it out!
- **Power Outages:** Power outages are widespread throughout Florida. FPL is working to restore power as soon as possible; however, it will take time due to the widespread outages and large number of customers impacted. FPL is aware of your outage, however you can call 1-800-4-OUTAGE or visit fpl.com/storm for outage information. **Power may be out for an extended period of time.** Call 9-1-1 to report dangerous downed power lines.
- **Property Damage:** Report damage to your home online with the Broward County Home Damage Assessment tool at Broward.org/Hurricane.

Generator Safety:

- Do NOT use while it is raining to avoid electrocution.
- Operate on a dry surface under a canopy-like structure.
- Do not touch with wet hands.
- Only use out doors and away from open windows.
- Turn off before refueling and let cool.



The City's Rapid Impact Analysis Results – Debris Removal

- *BSO law enforcement has performed a Rapid Impact Assessment (RIA). This consists of an assessment of the entire City for storm damage and accessibility based on an established grid. The RIA is required to be reported to Broward County.*
- *With the results of the RIA the City will perform disaster debris removal from public rights-of-way and public properties only.*
- *The City will not perform disaster debris removal from private rights-of-ways, within gated communities, and from private properties, except in the event that rescue vehicles will be significantly hindered from rendering emergency services to life and property should the debris be allowed to remain in place absent City relocation.*

Traffic Signal Inspection

- *BSO will inspect all traffic signals for proper operations and work with Public Works and Broward County Traffic Engineering Division to take appropriate action for any inoperable signals.*

Parks Inspection

- *Tequesta Trace Park, Regional Park, and Vista Park will remain closed until such time as the sports field lighting can be inspected for damage. Once it has been determined that the sports field lighting is secure the fields will then reopen. The City's passive parks will be inspected for damage and safe resumption of occupancy.*

City Facilities Inspection

- *Public Works are inspecting all buildings for possible damage and safety prior to resuming occupancy.*
- *Public Works will inspect all ITDD utilities facilities for damage and continuity of operations.*



AFTER THE STORM WATER SAFETY TIPS

If your water service loses pressure or becomes contaminated, the water utility will issue a Boil Water Notice. Here's what you need to know:



- ***If*** a “Boil Water Order” is issued for the Weston area, it will be announced on the City’s website and other media. If widespread you will receive a CodeRed call if you are registered with the City. If it is a small area, crews will come door-to-door to notify you. You should sign up for [E-Notifications](#) from the City of Weston and follow us on Twitter at [@CityofWeston](#) or our Alert account for important notices at [@WestonFLAlert](#).
- A boil water order applies to tap water. This means you should not give water from the faucet to pets, or use it for washing dishes, cleaning, cooking, brushing teeth, making ice or making formula. You are safe showering under a boil water order, but should keep water out of the eyes and mouth.
- Limit the use of running water after the storm until power is restored. During power outages, lift stations that normally pump raw sewage/wastewater may not be operating unless they are powered by a generator. In these cases, the system can eventually back up into your street, or showers, toilets and sink drains inside your home.
- Engage in safe hygiene practices to sanitize hands, etc.
- If the quality of water is questionable, there are three ways to disinfect it:
 1. Boil water at a rolling boil for one minute to kill infectious organisms.
 2. Use water purifying tablets (generally available from the local pharmacy or camping supply store), according to package directions.
 3. Use unscented household bleach. Add 8 drops (1/8 teaspoon) household bleach per gallon of water. Mix thoroughly. Let stand for 30 minutes. If water is cloudy, repeat the dosage and let stand 30 minutes. The water will not be toxic, although it will have a chlorine odor and taste.

For ongoing updates during and following a storm, visit our website under “Happening Now” at [WestonFL.org](#), follow us on Twitter [@CityofWeston](#) and [@WestonFLAlert](#), and subscribe to our [E-Notifications](#). If necessary, a CodeRED call will be done to notify Weston residents of important news. Be sure to subscribe to [CodeRed](#) online or by calling 954-385-2000.



AFTER THE STORM EMERGENCY BUILDING REPAIRS

It is important to know the steps necessary to stabilize conditions and prevent further damage to your home and other property following a hurricane.



Survey Your Property for Damage and File a Claim

After the storm has passed and it is safe to do so, you should inspect your property for any damage. If you will be submitting an insurance claim, your adjuster will want to inspect the damage before a full repair is done. Be sure to take photos of all damage prior to doing any type of emergency repairs.

Also, submit the information through the **Broward County Home Damage Program** at <http://gis.broward.org/ReportHomeDamage/>.

If You Need Emergency Repairs Done to Your Home

Hire a licensed professional. Don't attempt to do a big renovation project on your own. Be sure they are properly licensed and insured to perform the necessary work in accordance with the Florida Building Code. Most repairs will require a permit and inspections by the City of Weston Building Department to ensure your safety and to maintain the integrity of your home.

What is a Non-Disaster Type Emergency Repair?

Some repairs may be classified as an "emergency" even if it is not related to a disaster. For example, if an air conditioning unit fails and there is a chronically ill person in the home that requires air conditioning. A new unit can be installed prior to a permit being received, but it must be done by a licensed professional, with a permit pulled and the work inspected after completion.

**Questions regarding building repairs and permitting?
Contact the City of Weston Building Department at 954-385-0500.**



AFTER THE STORM TRAFFIC SIGNAL OUTAGES



Traffic Signal Outages

Powerful winds from hurricanes will not only cause wide-spread power outages, but will also cause havoc on the roadways in the days following the storm's impact. While the City of Weston has generators for all traffic signal locations, there may be a time period prior to them being operational after a storm. Areas outside of the City may not be as well equipped.

Keep the roadways safe following a storm with these simple tips:

- When signals are out TREAT INTERSECTIONS AS A 4-WAY STOP.
- Teach young drivers how a 4-way stop is handled: The first vehicle to reach the intersection and stop should be allowed to move forward first. When two cars reach the intersection at the same time, the driver to the left must yield to the driver on the right.
- Please use caution and wait your turn. It is essential for safety and to avoid chaos.

Interrupciones de las señales de tráfico

Vientos fuertes de los huracanes no sólo causará extensos apagones, pero también creará problemas en las carreteras en los días siguientes el impacto de la tormenta. Aunque la Ciudad de Weston tiene generadores para todas las ubicaciones de señales de tránsito, puede haber un período de tiempo antes de que sean operacionales después de la tormenta. Existe la posibilidad de que las zonas fuera de la ciudad no estén tan bien equipadas.

Siga estos consejos simples para mantener una carretera segura después de una tormenta:

- Cuando las señales de tránsito estén apagadas LAS INTERSECCIONES SE TRATAN COMO UNA PARADA DE 4 VÍAS.
- Enseñe a los conductores jóvenes cómo se maneja una parada de 4 vías: El primer vehículo para llegar a la intersección y parada debe ser permitido para avanzar primero. Cuando dos vehículos llegan a la intersección al mismo tiempo, el conductor de la izquierda debe ceder ante el conductor de la derecha.
- Por favor espere su turno, esto es esencial para la seguridad y para evitar el caos.

To report a traffic signal outage, send an email to / *Para reportar una interrupción de la señal de tráfico, mande la información al:* SIGNALOUT@broward.org.



AFTER THE STORM WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NEXT?

Your Home

- **Photograph any damage to your property for your insurance company.** Use the [Broward County Home Damage Assessment](#) to report damage to the County to help officials quickly assess the storm's impact.
- **Yard debris** - The City will make announcements regarding debris pickup after damage assessments.
- **Prevent further damage to your property,** (e.g., putting a tarp on a damaged roof), as insurance may not cover additional damage that occurs after the storm.



You and Your Family

- **Check-in with family & friends** by texting or via social media if phone service is down.
- **Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.**
- **Do not drive unless it is an emergency.** Watch out for roadway debris and downed power lines. Traffic intersections without working signals should be treated as a 4-way stop.
- **Use caution when making repairs to your home or removing shutters.** Most fatal injuries occur before and after the storm due to home preparations and repairs.
- **Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.** Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and two feet of fast-moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Flood water may also be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- **Use generators safely.** Do NOT use in rain. Only use outdoors away from open windows/vents. Turn off and cool before refueling.

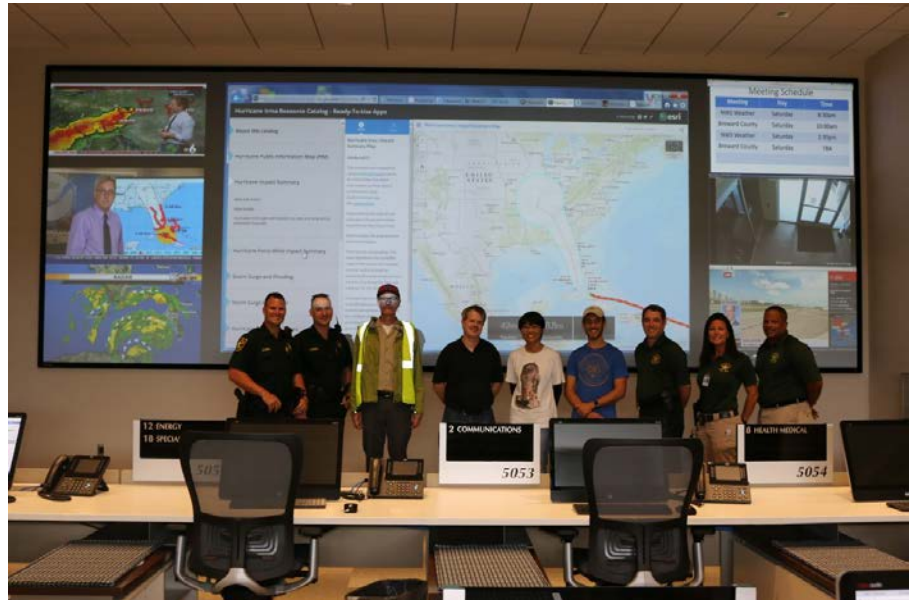




THE REAL DEAL

NOAA NATIONAL SEVERE STORMS LABORATORY VISITS WESTON EOC

Scientists from the National Severe Storms Laboratory, a division of the US Department of Commerce and NOAA, collected data in the Weston area throughout Hurricane Irma. Before and after their Irma's impact, they stopped in on the Weston Emergency Operations Center to visit with personnel working through the storm for the City of Weston.



The National Severe Storms Laboratory serves the nation by working to improve the leadtime and accuracy of severe weather warnings and forecasts in order to save lives and reduce property damage. NSSL scientists are committed to their mission to understand the causes of severe weather and explore new ways to use weather information to assist National Weather Service forecasters and federal, university and private sector partners.

