



CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL

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2026 City of Cape Canaveral Tropical Cyclone Local Information and Frequently Asked Questions

In Compliance with Florida CS/CS/SB 180 Disaster Readiness Requirements

1. If I live in the City of Cape Canaveral, do I live on a barrier island?

If you live anywhere within the City of Cape Canaveral (32920 zip code), you live on a barrier island.

2. If I am told to evacuate the City of Cape Canaveral, should I really evacuate?

Yes, it is highly recommended that all residents evacuate the City if told to do so by county and state officials. Emergency services will not respond to any emergencies once wind speeds exceed 45 mph.

3. What road should I take to get out of the City if I need to evacuate?

The only way in or out of the City by car is State Road A1A (SR A1A).

4. What evacuation zone is the City of Cape Canaveral located in?

The City of Cape Canaveral is located in Evacuation Zone A.

5. Are there any shelters in the City of Cape Canaveral?

No, there are no storm shelters located in the City of Cape Canaveral. Call the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center at 211 to find out more information about shelters.

6. Does the City of Cape Canaveral provide sandbags?

The City will provide sandbags on a case-by-case basis. Your primary source of sandbags should be Brevard County. Please call the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center at 211 to find information about sandbag locations, or call the City of Cape Canaveral Public Works Services Department at 321-868-1240.

7. Where should I get sandbags?

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8. Can I take sand from the beach to fill my own sandbags?

No, it is illegal to take sand from the beach to fill sandbags.

9. Where can I sign up for emergency alerts?

The City provides emergency notifications via Everbridge. You will need to register or re-register your phone number and/or email address following the instructions below.

- **For cell phone alerts:** Text 32920 to 888777. You will receive a confirmation via text. Text "STOP" at any time to cancel. Standard text messaging rates may apply.
- **To register for all types of alerts (including text, landline, and email):**
 - Visit [AlertBrevard](#), then agree to the terms and conditions at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts.
 - You can also sign up for emergency email updates via the City's Weekly Update platform: [Weekly Update registration webpage](#).

10. Who is responsible for getting my power back on?

Florida Power and Light (FPL) is solely responsible for getting power back on. City of Cape Canaveral staff members and first responders (i.e., Canaveral Fire Rescue and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office) cannot restore electrical utility services after a storm.

- FPL encourages customers to visit [FPL.com/Storm](#) for tips on how to prepare.
- Once the storm is over, visit [FPL.com/Outage](#) for updates on power restoration. You can also follow FPL on [Facebook](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) for updates.
- Download the FPL Mobile App to report or get the latest information on outages. Customers can also get on-the-go, instant, and secure access to their accounts.
- Call **1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243)** immediately to report a dangerous condition such as a downed power line.

11. Who is responsible for getting my water back on?

The City of Cocoa is solely responsible for the City of Cape Canaveral's potable water services. Their number is 321-433-8400. City of Cape Canaveral staff members and first responders (i.e., Canaveral Fire Rescue and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office) cannot restore potable water services after a storm.

12. Who is responsible for getting my internet back on?

Private internet providers are solely responsible for restoring internet services. Examples of such providers include, but are not limited to, AT&T, Spectrum, Verizon, etc. City of Cape Canaveral staff members and first responders (i.e., Canaveral Fire Rescue and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office) cannot restore internet services after a storm.

13. Do utilities ever get shut off before or during a storm on purpose?

No, utility providers never purposely shut down utilities before and during a storm. They will be on so long as conditions allow.

14. Do the bridges ever close?

The bridges never close before or during storms. The only time they may close is after a storm in order for crews to properly inspect them to make sure they are structurally sound before traffic is allowed back on.

15. Who is in charge of school closures?

In the event of a weather emergency, the superintendent of Brevard Public Schools (BPS) is the only person who will give the directive that schools are to close due to extreme weather conditions. Should the district close, BPS will communicate closures to parents, teachers, and staff through their rapid notification system. This will come in the form of a voicemail and email. Subscribers to the BPS mobile app will also receive a push notification, and those who have registered their cell phone number will receive a text message.

16. If I live in a mobile or manufactured home, should I stay or evacuate?

It is highly recommended that you evacuate if you live in a mobile or manufactured home. Mobile and manufactured homes face the largest risk of damage from high winds and heavy rainfall.

17. What are some factual sources of storm-related information that I should follow?

You should utilize updates from the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and the local National Weather Service (NWS) office in Melbourne for storm-related updates.

- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [National Weather Service office in Melbourne](#)

18. Are there any shelters ever opened in the City of Cape Canaveral?

No, there will never be a dedicated public storm shelter opened in the City of Cape Canaveral. Due to the City being on a barrier island, shelters would be at far more risk from hazards like storm surge and flooding that could cut off access post-storm. Shelters are only located on the mainland. Call the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center at 211 to find information about shelters.

19. Is there transportation to local shelters?

There is free transportation provided to special needs shelters. Call the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center at 211 to find information about shelters.

20. Are pets allowed at local shelters?

All designated shelters are pet-friendly. Call the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center at 211 to find information about shelters.

21. Are there special needs shelters available?

Special needs shelters are specifically assigned to individuals so that there are enough supplies and medical professionals to assist caregivers. If your medical equipment requires electricity, you have serious health issues, and/or you have a caregiver and no other option for safe shelter, you should register for a special needs shelter. Pets are not allowed at special needs shelters due to health concerns. Visit the [Brevard County Transportation & Special Needs Registry](#) to register.

22. Does the City of Cape Canaveral have a webpage with more hurricane-related information?

Yes. The City's official dedicated webpage relating to hurricane preparedness is:

- [City of Cape Canaveral hurricane information webpage](#)

Other resources for hurricane preparedness information include the links below:

- [Florida Department of Health in Brevard County](#)
- [Brevard County Emergency Management](#)

23. Are there assistance programs to help me rebuild post-storm, or that can even better prepare my property before a storm strikes?

Yes. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) offers the Elevate Florida Program to eligible property owners. Terms and conditions apply. Launched in 2025, Elevate Florida is a first-of-its-kind statewide residential mitigation program designed to protect homes and communities by reducing damage caused by natural disasters like hurricanes and floods.

- [Elevate Florida Program](#)

Brevard County has a weatherization program that can be utilized by eligible residents to better prepare their homes and make them more energy efficient as well. Terms and conditions apply.

- [Brevard County Weatherization Program](#)

The My Safe Florida Home Program, re-established during the 2022 Special Session of the Florida Legislature, offers financial assistance to eligible Florida homeowners to help retrofit and strengthen homes against storm damage.

- [My Safe Florida Home Program](#)

Rebuild Smart. Rebuild Safely. Rebuild Together.