

Hurricane season is June 1 – November 30. Partially due to its location, Venice has never been hit directly by a hurricane. It has, however, been affected by strong winds and rains when 3 hurricanes skirted the area in August 2004.

Whether you decide to remain in your home or seek refuge during a hurricane, ***BE PREPARED!*** A two week supply of the following items is recommended in preparation for severe weather:

- Canned goods and nonperishable foods (and a manual can opener)
- Bottled drinking water (3 Gallons per person)
- Special dietary foods, if needed
- Important documents (identification, policies and photographs in a waterproof container)
- Personal hygiene items (soap, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.)
- Prescription medication
- Personal aids (eyeglasses, hearing aids and batteries, etc.)
- Entertainment (books, puzzles, magazines, games, etc.)
- Infant care items, as needed
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Cash (banks may be damaged or destroyed; stores may not accept checks or credit cards)
- Food and water for pets\*
- Mosquito repellent

\*If you decide to seek refuge in a shelter, alcoholic beverages, pets and weapons are not allowed inside emergency public shelters.

### AREA HURRICANE SHELTERS

Taylor Ranch Elementary School, 2500 Taylor Ranch Road, Venice

Venice Middle School, 1900 Center Road, Venice

Garden Elementary School, 700 Center Road, Venice

Laurel Nokomis School, 1900 East Laurel Road, Nokomis

North Port High School, 6400 West Price Blvd., North Port

Pine View School, 1 Python Path, Osprey