

Financial Hurricane Tips

When you hear a hurricane watch/warnings, take precautions to protect your family, yourself, your property, and take actions to protect your financial interests. The Florida Department of Financial Services offers these financial tips:

Withdraw Money!



Financial institutions normally close for at least two days after a direct hit. ATMs could be out of order even longer. So withdraw some money before a pending hurricane.

Credit and Cash:



Have a credit card with at least \$1,000 available. Get receipts for cash purchases before and after a storm.

Paying by Phone or Online:



If you pay bills online or by the phone, do it before a hurricane hits, even if they are not yet due. A hurricane could interrupt phone service, causing you to miss payments and get late charges.

Paying by Mail:



Send payments by mail at least two days before a hurricane strikes. The post office will not pick up mail within 24 hours of a strike.

Confirm Payments!



After a storm, contact those you've mailed payments to and confirm they have received them.

Finance Repairs:



Use credit cards to finance necessary minimal repairs and document all transaction.