Prepare your home:
- Move yard furniture inside
- Put up hurricane shutters
- Fill bathtub with water
- Evacuate when told (see back)
- Ensure your vehicle is prepared
  Full tank of gasoline, fully charged vehicle, etc.

Build a disaster kit:
- 1 gallon of water per person per day (for 1 week)
- Non-perishable/canned food (for at least 3 days)
- Prescription medication
- Hygiene items
- First-aid kit
- Charged mobile devices and portable charger
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- Important documentation
  Insurance, phone number list (inc. doctor), bank account, numbers, social security card, proof of residency, etc.
- PPE (cloth masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant)

Understand the official guidance:
- Cone: 66% likelihood that the center will fall in that region
  This is not an impacts cone!
  Significant damage can still occur outside the cone
- Watch: Hazards are possible within 48hrs (“Be on guard”)
- Warning: Hazards are imminent (“Go to safety”)

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Category is based on wind speed alone
You already don’t want to be outside when winds are at tropical depression speeds
There are many other dangerous factors!

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In the aftermath:
- Only leave when authorities tell you to
- Watch for live/escaped animals (e.g. snakes)
- Watch for downed power lines/electrical wires
- Watch out for debris and falling items
- Empty standing water to prevent mosquito breeding
- Take pictures of damage for your insurance supplier
- Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning

Useful phone numbers and sites:
Florida Power & Light: 1-800-226-3545
Miami-Dade County: 311, miamidade.gov
National Hurricane Center: nhc.noaa.gov

Flooding in Brickell during Hurricane Irma (2017) - photo from the Miami Herald
Evacuation zones in Miami-Dade County are based on storm-surge (flooding). Make sure you know which zone you live in, the local evacuation center, and evacuation route.