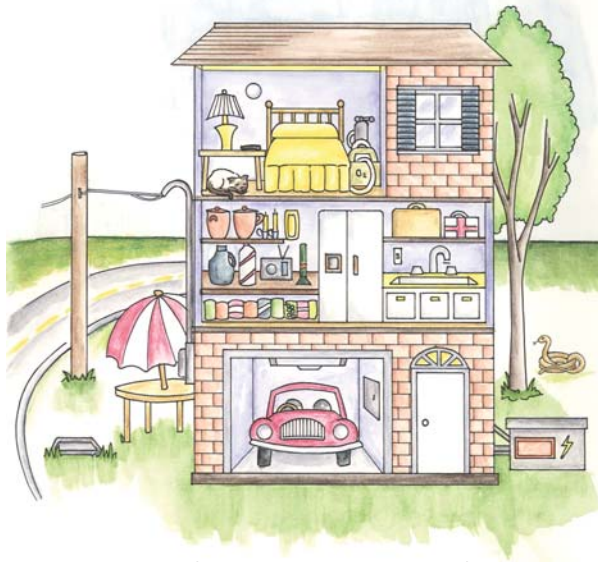


# Hurricane Season HAS BEGUN!

Tour the PSC's [Hurricane House](#) to get started on your plan. This online guide, available in English and Spanish, includes 19 tips to help prepare your family and your home for severe weather. Tips cover everything from planning an evacuation route, to installing carbon monoxide detectors and dealing with downed power lines. The PSC's website also features a [consumer tip](#) that details how to make a hurricane kit, as well as a storm preparation [consumer tip](#).



For more information on storm safety and storm-hardening tips, visit the PSC's website, [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com), and the Division of Emergency Management's website, [FloridaDisaster.org](http://FloridaDisaster.org).



Forecasters predicted another unpredictable Hurricane Season! One sure thing is that the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) has the tools to help you plan for any possible storms this Season. Since we are already into the first month of the Season's six-month run, there's no better time to "Get a Plan!"

"Florida utilities' storm response and restoration times have greatly improved due to ongoing hurricane preparedness initiatives. But, storm preparation is still key for residents," said PSC Chairman Julie Brown. "You can visit the PSC's website, which includes many helpful storm preparation materials."

Florida's electric utilities and the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) updated the PSC on their storm preparation efforts on April 20, 2017. (Copies of their presentations are [here](#).) After a hurricane-free decade, Florida felt the impacts from a few storms last year. Both the utilities and DEM reported that lessons learned and new technologies helped them prepare for the 2017 Hurricane Season, and they are ready should a storm reach Florida's shores.

The CEOs of Florida's five investor-owned utilities, along with executives from the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, the Florida Municipal Electric Association, and DEM, also discussed how customer needs are met during and after storm-related events, including communication and restoration efforts.

Utility storm plans are designed to minimize electrical outages and help communities, businesses, and families return to normalcy as quickly as possible. The plans include PSC-mandated storm preparedness initiatives; facility inspections; maintenance and repairs; flooding and storm surge mitigation; wooden pole inspections; and coordination with other utilities, government, and community groups.