

Hillsborough County Government  
*Touching Your Life Every Day*

**Hillsborough  
County  
Child Care  
Licensing**

The more than 700 family child care homes and 550 child care centers in Hillsborough County have to be licensed through the County's Child Care Licensing Office, which also inspects them periodically and offers on-going training for care givers.



For people who would like to become child care providers, visit Hillsborough County Child Care Licensing Office, 8900 N. Armenia Ave., Suite 210, or call: (813) 272-6487.

**County government is as close as your ...**

• **Telephone:**

Hillsborough Information Line: 272-5900

• **Computer:**

[www.hillsboroughcounty.org](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org)

• **Television:**

HTV22, cable channel 22

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## Flushing, Disinfection Scheduled for Water Systems

Water customers of most of northwest Hillsborough County, as well as Pinellas and Pasco counties, will experience a temporary change in the disinfection of their water beginning Aug. 2 and ending Aug. 30.

During this period, the Hillsborough County Water Department will add chlorine instead of chloramines as a preventative measure to reduce the potential for bacteria to appear in the local distribution systems. The Carrollwood area that was previously the FGUA franchise area continues to use chlorine.

Distribution lines will be flushed during the maintenance program to make way for the chlorinated water. Water customers may notice a chlorine taste and/or smell during this time and may also experience some temporary discoloration. These changes are normal and carry no negative health effects.

The temporary change to chlorine should not affect kidney dialysis patients, since treatment processes that remove chloramines also remove chlorine.

Similarly, customers who have fish should not be affected, since products that remove chloramines also remove chlorine.

**Water customers with questions or concerns about the chlorine maintenance program should contact the County's Water Quality line at 264-3835 for more information.**

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

**GET ANSWERS!**

**272-5900**

**HILLSBOROUGH INFORMATION LINE**

### *Hillsborough County Communicator*

Published every month by the Communications Department to inform residents about the programs, services and activities of their County government. For more information, call Public Information at 272-5314 or the Hillsborough Information Line at 272-5900. Web site: [www.Hillsboroughcounty.org](http://www.Hillsboroughcounty.org)

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**Keeping You Informed About County Government**



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## Website Has The Information You Need To Prepare For Hurricanes

**H**urricane season officially began on June 1, and will end Nov. 30. Hillsborough County government has a special site that will guide you in dealing with hurricanes, both before and after the event. The information is easily accessed on the County's web-site: [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/). Click on the A-Z Index in the upper left hand corner. Click on "H," then "Hurricane Information."

Even if you're a veteran of several hurricanes and think you know everything about preparing, this site gives you an easy place to check on information that may change from time to time, such as shelters and evacuation bus routes. If you're a newcomer to the entire concept of hurricanes, this site will guide you through most of the basics you need to know.

Listed on the site is information on which supplies you will need if you don't evacuate and what you need to take with you if you go to a shelter; what to do with pets; and emergency telephone numbers. It has a map to tell you which evacuation level you live in and where to get sandbags. There also is an application form for people with special needs, and how to make your home safer if a storm hits. This site will help you plan ahead.

### What Is a Hurricane?

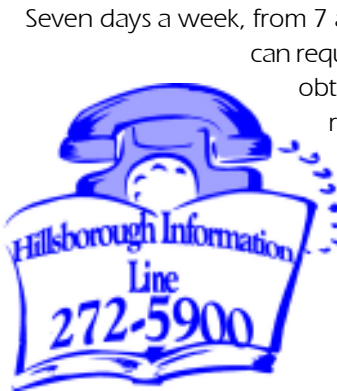
Hurricanes are severe tropical storms that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricanes gather heat and energy through contact with warm ocean waters. Evaporation from the seawater increases their power.

Hurricanes rotate in a counter-clockwise direction around an "eye." Hurricanes have winds at least 74 miles per hour. When they come onto land, the heavy rain, strong winds and heavy waves can damage buildings, trees and cars. The heavy waves are called a storm surge. Storm surges are very dangerous and a major reason why you **MUST** stay away from the ocean during a hurricane warning or hurricane.

*Federal Emergency Management Agency*

### Especially For Kids

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has a special site for kids: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/hurr.htm>. It's colorful, packed with information, and uses language that doesn't talk down to them.



Seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., you can request a County service, obtain information and referral to many community services or simply ask a question – all through one telephone number.  
**272-5900**

## Water Study Seeks South County Volunteers

Hillsborough County Water Department's South-Central Service Area is participating in a national study on drinking water and needs volunteers.

The researchers are seeking 1,000 households. To be eligible, the households must get their water from the County's Lithia Water Plant and have at least one child between the ages of 2 and 16.

The researchers selected Hillsborough County's South-Central Service Area because this area of the Water Department's system gets its water entirely from groundwater. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was mandated by Congress to



conduct health-based studies on drinking water.

The County's system was selected because it has a progressive water quality monitoring program, a diverse population, and the groundwater it uses is similar to water supplies used by most residents of Florida and Georgia.

Teaming up with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Florida Department of Health, are researchers from Emory University and the University of South Florida.

**To find out more about how to join the study, visit: [www.freshwaterstudy.org](http://www.freshwaterstudy.org) or call toll free 1-800-519-6770.**



### Favorite Son

**County Commissioner Jan Platt presents Edwin Maley with the County's Favorite Sons & Daughters Award. For more than 50 years, Maley has taught judo, jujitsu, karate and akido to thousands of children, and is the undefeated seven-year Florida State Champion. Established in 1995, the award is presented to people in the community who have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally as well as locally. Among the past recipients are baseball player Wade Boggs, football player Lee Roy Selmon, and Olympic gold medal winner Brooke Bennett.**