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# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## SEWAGE SAFETY

Follow these recommendations to ensure you are prepared to deal safely with personal sanitation issues and sewage emergencies in the event of a storm.



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## NUMBERS TO KNOW:

### Grand Cayman

- Police: 911
- Fire: 911
- Hospital: 911
- Hazard Management Emergency Operations Centre: 949-6555  
(Only during activation of National Emergency Operations Centre)

### Cayman Brac

- Police: 911 or 948-0223
- Fire: 911 or 948-1245 or 948-1293
- Hospital: 911 or 948-2225
- District Commissioner's Office: 948-2651

### Little Cayman

- Police: 911 or 948-0083
- Fire: 911 or 948-0011
- District Officer: 948-1051

### be prepared

1. **Collect containers to use as temporary toilets.** Hazard Management Cayman Islands recommends using garbage bags to line at least two five-gallon buckets with tight-fitting covers.
2. Your emergency kit should include **moist towelettes, feminine supplies, garbage bags and plastic ties** for personal sanitation.
3. **Ensure you are also equipped with rubber gloves and boots, and eye goggles or a face shield** in case you are required to deal at any point with raw sewage or possibly contaminated floodwater.
4. **Avoid standing water and floodwaters during and after a storm.** Floodwaters and standing water can pose serious risks after a storm, including infectious diseases, chemical hazards, and injuries.
5. If your onsite wastewater treatment system requires electricity, **turn off the pump** at the circuit box while it is still safe to do so. Avoid any further contact until the electrical system is dry and clean.
6. If you know your home has a history of sewage back-up issues, or if you are in a particularly low-lying area, you may wish to **install a backflow prevention device**. Talk to your plumber well before the threat of a storm to learn more about how these devices work and whether your home is at risk.

### be aware

7. **Know the signs of a faulty septic system.** Signs that your onsite wastewater treatment system is not working properly can include:
  - Sinks and/or toilets drain slowly,
  - Floor drains overflow,
  - Sewage is visible outside your home.
8. **Stay alert for sewage backups** in the plumbing at the lowest elevations in your home.
9. If items in your home came in contact with sewage or contaminated water, **remove and discard anything that cannot be washed and disinfected**, such as mattresses, carpeting, carpet padding, rugs, upholstered furniture, cosmetics, stuffed animals, baby toys, pillows, foam-rubber items, books, wall coverings, and most paper products.
10. **Report any damage to sewerage lines to the Water Authority.**

### be cautious

### Coastal Warning Display Signals

Two red flags, each with a black square in the middle, signal a hurricane warning.

