



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: December 4, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Storm Season Summary

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission is to provide the City Commission with a summary of the 2025 Storm Season.

At the May 6, 2025, City Commission Conference Meeting, City staff provided the City Commission with an overview of the 2025 Storm Season plan (CAM #25-0465). The presentation included an overview of the stormwater system, weather forecasting resources, asset deployment protocols, training and community events, parking/vehicle storage locations, sandbag distribution, and communication strategies.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted above-normal hurricane activity for the Atlantic basin in 2025. The forecast included thirteen (13) to nineteen (19) total named storms with three (3) to five (5) of them being major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, 5).

On May 29, 2025, the City's Emergency Management Division convened an Emergency Operations Center Full-scale Tabletop Activation with participation by all departments. The 2025 Storm Season began on June 1, 2025 and ended on November 30, 2025. South Florida did not experience any direct hurricane impacts in 2025 but did experience numerous heavy rainfall events that impacted the community. A few of the City's preparations and responses during the 2025 Storm Season are highlighted below:

- Heavy Rainfall – The City proactively inspected and cleaned storm drains to remove blockages to facilitate discharge and minimize water accumulation. Vulnerable locations were monitored to promote timely response. When the weather forecast indicated periods of heavy rain, additional shifts were created so City staff could monitor and respond to vulnerable locations in real-time. There were numerous instances when the City utilized third-party vendors to assist with the response to mitigate the impacts and expedite the recovery period.
- King Tides – The City conducted inspections and cleaning of the nearly 200 tidal valves throughout the City to confirm they were operating properly and mitigating tidal flooding as expected. Stormwater pump stations were monitored to ensure the system is operating efficiently. The Public Works Department coordinated

with the Community Services Department to report private property seawall breaches.

- Sandbag Distribution - The free Resident Sandbag Distribution Program took place from May 2025 through November 2025. The program included daily self-service sandbag opportunities from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Floyd Hull Stadium and Mills Pond Park and full-service sandbag distributions managed by Parks and Recreation Department staff. The full-service sandbag distributions were held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the first weekend of each month at Floyd Hull Stadium, George English Park, Holiday Park, Mills Pond Park, and Riverland Park. City staff issued a total of 4,040 sandbags through the full-service sandbag distribution as summarized below:

Monthly (1st Weekend) Full-Service Distribution	Sandbags Distributed
May 2025	289
June 2025	482
July 2025	539
August 2025	620
September 2025	1,045
October 2025	775
November 2025	290
Total	4,040

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