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Beach community makes preparations for the worst

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Late September traditionally is the most active time of the hurricane season.

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

(Bay News 9) -- With this being the most active time of the hurricane season, Indian Rocks Beach is being proactive about what to do in the aftermath of a storm.

The beach community is joining other coastal cities by issuing hurricane permits to re-enter the city after an evacuation.

That means in the event of a storm and evacuation, Indian Rocks Beach's 2,500 residents and dozens of business owners will need a **permit** in order to get back into the area to check on their property.

"When a house is most vulnerable is when it's been damaged to the point where doors and windows have been broken," said Indian Rocks Beach City Manager Steve Cottrell. "And it allows easy access to somebody."

Cottrell said the permits will protect property and keep people safe.

"All too often you have a lot of people who just want to come in and look and gawk and say, 'Oh, isn't this terrible.'" he said. "We don't know what those people's real motivations are from time to time."

The permits are available at city hall and only one tag is allowed per household. City officials said the free permits could be used by more than one car in a household, depending on which car is used in an evacuation.

There is no fee for the original issue of tags.

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