



CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

Spring Break 2026

Operational Highlights

February 3, 2026

Spring Break 2026 - Overview

- Event period is February 23 through April 17 with a peak number of spring breakers in the area from the week of March 8 through the week of March 22.
- City strategically deploys resources from multiple departments to manage the increase in tourists and crowds that gather in areas of the beach and downtown.
- City Manager will implement a high impact period applied to designated high impact zones.
- The City will communicate through multiple channels including stakeholder meetings, direct messaging to spring breakers, media outlets, and social media.

Spring Break 2026 High Impact Period

- High Impact Event Zones: Barrier Island and Downtown
- Potential Measures:
 - No coolers or tents, tables, and similar structures on the beach
 - Limitation of live or amplified music
 - Alcohol possession or consumption on the beach is prohibited (except for hotels licensed in accordance with Ordinance No. C-22-49)
 - Curfew for individuals under the age of 18 unless supervised by a parent or an adult over the age of 18
 - Suspension of sidewalk café permits.
 - Modification of operating hours for parks and city facilities



Spring Break 2026 - Police

- Police staffing, special operations, and interagency coordination
- Signage informing the public
- Bar Watch Program
- Messaging directly to Spring Break visitors

Spring Break 2026 – Fire Rescue

- Level 3 activation of the Emergency Operations Center – monitoring phase of EOC for weather and crowd control
- Staffing of Ocean Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Strategic deployment of resources including Ocean Rescue Jet Skis and medical carts
- Public Education and provision of Narcan
- Information sharing and hospital coordination
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)






Spring Break 2026 – Transportation and Mobility

- Free LauderGo Micro Mover
 - Regular service
 - Moving people off the Barrier Island
- Parking Services
 - Enhanced staffing
 - Parking fees
- Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Plans
 - Barrier Island moratorium
 - Coordination with FDOT to minimize disruption
- Rideshare and Vehicles for Hire Services
 - Geofencing
 - Educational campaign
- Traffic Signal Timing and Traffic Monitoring
- Broward County Transit

Spring Break 2026 – Community Enhancement and Compliance

- Code Compliance staffing including inspectors 7-days each week until 3:30 am
- Enforcement priorities: noise, vacation rentals, entertainment venues, and sidewalk café permits
- Proactive and reactive enforcement along with advance communication to residents, businesses, and vacation rental operators
- Joint operations with other City departments



BE A PLEASANT NEIGHBOR DURING YOUR STAY

Welcome to the City of Fort Lauderdale! As our beautiful city grows and moves forward into a sustainable future, our purpose is to ensure compliance while promoting health, safety, and property preservation for everyone's satisfaction in our City, and to be a good neighbor for the duration of your visit, please adhere to the following guidelines:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All Vacation Rentals must display a Certificate of Compliance at the property, issued by the City of Fort Lauderdale, verifying that the property is registered and has passed inspection. Please contact the City at (954) 828-3207 if the property is unregistered.

Noise

At higher decibels, noise can be a daily. A good rule of thumb is that if you're making noise that can be heard outside your home's property line, it's probably too loud. The noise should be clearly audible from the street property line for one minute at 20 feet (10 AM - 7 AM) or 50 feet (7 AM - 10 PM).

Garbage

The City of Fort Lauderdale is known to study wildlife like snakes, possums, raccoons, and others that can be attracted to garbage. Please dispose of all garbage inside City approved receptacles provided by your host. Trash cans should be set out before 6:00pm the day before pickup and must be removed before sunrise the day of pickup. **TRASH PICK UP DATES FOR YOUR LOCATION ARE PROVIDED BY YOUR HOST.**

Parking

Please park only in the designated parking areas provided for your rental unit including the guest and/or suite. Do not block another driveway or path in the street.

Local Resources

- Emergency Police 911
- 24-Hour Customer Service (954) 828-8000
- Community Enforcement (Code Enforcement) (954) 828-3207

Occupancy

There is a two (2) person sleeping occupancy limit per bedroom and the maximum gathering occupancy is 15 (fifteen) persons sleeping occupancy. No gathering shall exceed twenty (20) occupants regardless of the number of bedrooms.

Nearby Hospitals


Broward Health Medical Center
1600 N. Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33305

Holy Cross Health
4725 N. Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309



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Spring Break 2026 – Strategic Communications

- Coordinated communications approach that prioritizes clear expectations and consistent messaging across the organization
- City's outreach will emphasize public safety through responsible actions by Spring Break visitors
- Messaging will be deployed across multiple media channels including:
 - Direct outreach
 - Social media
 - Earned media
 - Partner platforms
- City led press conference in February ahead of the Spring Break season to share the City's coordinated approach and highlight public safety preparations
- Coordination meetings with stakeholders and operators:
 - **February 9** – Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee
 - **February 11** – Himmarshee area (SW 2 Street) business owners, nearby hotels, and stakeholders
 - **February 19** – Barrier Island operations meeting with Barrier Island hoteliers and their security teams, restaurants, vendors such as the City's beach chair provider and the Water Taxi, and Central Beach Alliance leadership
 - **February 20** – Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Beach Council Committee that includes hotel general managers and marketing directors

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- Parks Operations
 - Manages the South Beach restroom custodial vendor
 - Coordinates with the City's beach chair vendor
 - Operate and manage parks within the Barrier Island and coordinate any changes to operational hours during the High Impact Event period
- Sanitation operations and cleaning schedule
 - Beach cleaning
 - Restroom servicing
 - Deployment of additional solid waste receptacles
 - Enhanced pressure washing of sidewalks in high volume areas – early morning and late evening



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