

HURRICANE PREPARATION CHECKLIST



Your Hurricane Preparedness Plan

Pick Two Meeting Places

These meeting places should be in the event of an emergency in case your home is damaged. The first place should be somewhere outside your home. The second place should be a safe zone outside your neighborhood, think of government shelters or another family's home. While traveling, do not go through flooded areas or blocked roads.

Ensure all Contact Information is Up to Date

Ensuring all family and friends have all your contact information can help with rescue efforts if needed. Include contact information for your family and friends is saved to your devices and written down within your kits.

Evacuation

You should think ahead about evacuation plans. During emergencies, you should all just know where to go. Ask family and friends if you are able to stay with them in the event of an emergency.

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Supplies Checklist

Store Now – Until Needed

- First Aid Kit
 - band-aids
 - antiseptic
 - tape
 - compressors
 - pain reliever medication
 - important numbers
- Flashlights & Batteries
- Battery Powered Radio & Batteries
- Manual Can Opener
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tire Plugs
- Whistle
- Bug Repellant
- Plastic Tarp, Tools, and Nails
- Water Purification Kit
- Trash Bags
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Baby Items
- Rope
- Knife
- Drinking-Water for 2 weeks
- Drinking Containers
- Generator – Be sure to test it
- Emergency Cash
- Matches
- Grills or Burners

Purchase Before Hurricane Season

- Updated Medicines
- Food for Everyone for 2 weeks
 - Ensure items do not need refrigeration
 - Protein Bars, Canned Goods, and Peanut Butter
- Gas Containers
- Gas
- Baby Items
- Ice

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Evacuation Checklist

- Pillows, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Air Mattresses
- Clothing
- Eyewear
- Bath Items: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap
- Entertainment: books, cards, games
- Important Papers: licensing, birth certificates, social security cards
- Chargers for cell phones
- Food & Water
- Cash
- All Other Items in other items

Bracing for a Hurricane

As the storm approaches these are items you should complete to brace for the hurricane. Please always listen to government announcements through radio and TV.

- Ensure all items above are completed
- Clean Bathtubs – In case you need to fill with water
- Turn refrigerators and freezers to their coldest settings
- Refill prescriptions
- Fill Gas Tanks & Tire Air Pressure
- If you have boat items or sheds, this is the time to ensure they are safe

Use NOAA and weather.gov to stay up to date on hurricanes. Hurricanes are unpredictable and can change.

Furthermore, you should use Ready.Gov to get hour-by-hour bracing instructions.

Protecting Your Home

Use this checklist to go through all your home items and protect your shelter.

- Move all loose plants inside.
- Ensure all roof repairs are completed. Seal and protect as need.
- Install all shutters. Use 3/4in plywood and tapcons if you do not have shutters.
- Fill sandbags and place them around home.
- Use vehicles as barriers to protect your home.
- Seal around windows using caulk.
- Make sure all roof maintenance is completed.
- Use this guide to prevent water intrusion.
- Think about upgrading parts of your home for insurance. Use this guide for upgrades.

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A Word About Generators

Never connect a portable generator to your electrical panel. Be sure to check your electrician or generator company about servicing and operation.

You may need to look into generator transfer switches in order to prevent electrical back-feed to your power company. Back-feeding electric to your electrical company can cause fires.

Protecting Your Pets

Do not leave your pets or release them. You are responsible for planning for all pets and you should not use pets as an excuse not to evacuate if you need to.

- Make prior arrangements on pet movement if needed.
- Ensure proper licensing and tags are in place.
- Ensure contact information is correct.
- Find and store vaccinations paperwork.
- Purchase Cages.
- Ensure you have 2 weeks of food.
- Ensure you have water for your pets.
- Consider Microchipping.
- Refill medications.
- All pet paperwork.
- Blankets and toys.
- Care instructions if needed.

Other Items & Resources

Talk with your insurance company about your coverage.

Want to know what to do hour by hour? Use Ready.Gov.

Tracking Hurricane Resources: NOAA & Weather.Gov

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