

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

The right time to prepare for a hurricane is now. This helpful checklist will get you started. Make sure to include your entire family in the preparation and discuss your emergency plan with them. Post this checklist in an easily accessible location so it's always close by. Remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you complete the checklist.

BEFORE A HURRICANE Stock your emergency kit and "go bag" with:

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

- Important contact information for family, school, work, doctors, etc., including phone numbers and email addresses
- Cellular phone, extra battery, and chargers for electrical equipment
- AM/FM radio/NOAA Weather Radio (extra batteries)
- Gas up
- _____
- _____

MEDICAL NEEDS

- Medications for at least one week and copies of prescriptions
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Medical equipment/assistive technology and backup batteries
- First aid kit
- _____
- _____

CRITICAL DOCUMENTS

- Photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport)
- Cash and credit cards
- Personal records (e.g., birth certificates, marriage certificates)
- Medical records
- Financial information (e.g., bank account or credit card information)
- Property records (e.g., insurance policies, deed, or lease)
- Waterproof, portable container for important documents
- _____
- _____

TOOLS & SAFETY ITEMS

- Flashlight
- Multi-purpose tool
- Matches or lighter in waterproof container
- Whistle
- Indoor/outdoor extension cord
- _____
- _____

FOOD/SUPPLIES

- At least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, supplies, and extra water
- Clean out the refrigerator
- Put drinks in a cooler with ice, in case of lost of power
- _____
- _____

HYGIENE & SANITATION

- Soap/disinfectant/sanitizer
- Paper towels/moist towelettes
- Toilet paper
- Bleach
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- _____
- _____

PROTECTIVE GEAR & CLOTHING

- Do laundry
- Extra warm clothes
- Sturdy shoes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- _____
- _____

COMFORT & PRICELESS ITEMS

- Items like books, puzzles, favorite stuffed toy, photo albums, valuables
- _____
- _____

DURING A HURRICANE

When a tropical storm or hurricane watch is issued, it's important to stay informed.

- Tune in to channels
- _____

Check for alerts on apps: FEMA App

In case of evacuation, grab your "go bag" and leave immediately. Use evacuation route:

The closest shelter is:

Meet family at:

Make sure to take these important numbers with you:

- Family member's name: _____
- Phone #: _____
- Email: _____

Local contact's name:

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Out-of-state contact's name:

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Primary physician's name:

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Hospital's phone #:

Insurance company's phone #:

FEMA's helpline: 1-800-621-3362

TTY: 1-800-462-7585

VRS: 1-800-621-3362

Red Cross's helpline:

1-800-733-2727

For more resources about hurricane risk, visit ready gov/prepare