**Preface**

These checks are organized to prioritize tasks which:

* Can be done relatively quickly
* Need to be done earlier to avoid crowds and shortages

More labor-intensive tasks are done later to hopefully avoid having to do them unless the storm threat is real.

Depending on how much time you have to prepare for the storm, you may need to complete multiple levels of checks at the same time or forego certain items altogether.

**Ongoing preventative maintenance will help reduce the number of tasks throughout the checks.** Tasks may not need to be completed if they were recently done or determined they were not necessary.

This is a guide to help focus preparedness efforts. Strict adherence is not required.

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**Level A Checks**

­­­­Recharging

* GoalZero Lanterns
* GoalZero AA and AAA batteries
* DeWalt batteries
* Yaesu radios
* Anker power station
* Dell laptop external battery
* External USB battery in Jeep
* Any other external battery in house

Inventory alkaline batteries and determine whether more should be purchased

* Focus on AA, AAA and CR 123 batteries

Inventory groceries/meds/preventatives and top off as needed

* Check prescription and OTC meds
* Check bug spray/sun block
* Check pool shock supply
* Check dog food (kibble, canned and treats)

Check radio receivers and weather detection devices

* Check reception and back up batteries in weather radio
* Self test (weather permitting) of TornadoAlerts
* Test back up batteries in TornadoAlerts and replace if needed
* Test batteries in Davis Vantage Vue (transmitter and receiver) and replace as needed

Check propane level and consider call for top off

**Level B Checks**

Vehicles

* Rain X
* Gas up
* Consider rotating stored gasoline
* Replace wipers if needed
* Determine best place to secure vehicles not currently garaged

Test batteries in all flashlights and replace as needed

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**Level C Checks**

Fire Department/Neighbors

* Outreach 48 hours before event to:
  + **<<Insert names of people/businesses here you wish to check in with prior to the storm to compare notes and offer assistance>>**

Cleaning

* Do laundry
* Do dishes
* Vacuum and mop high traffic areas

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**Level D Checks**

Secure pool and patio

Verify pump house is locked

Water tank

* Mark starting water level

Safe Room

* Clean and organize

Trim any limbs and blow all debris

Review evacuation checklist/packing list

Clean all gutters and downspouts

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