

## Preparing for a Hurricane

### **Hurricane season is June 1 - November 30**

1. Have a list of emergency phone numbers and keep them by your phone or on you refrigerator.
2. Prepare an emergency supply kit: (your kit should include the following:)

masks	Hand sanitizer	Disinfectant wipes
2 week supply of medications	Flashlights (with extra batteries)	batteries
cash	Cell phone cords and plugs	External cell phone batteries
Emergency phone # list	First aid kit	4-5 days of nonperishable food per person in the home
Water for 4-5 days per person	Non-electric can opener	Paper plates
napkins	Plastic cups	Plastic utensils
Toilet paper	blankets	pillows
Change of clothing per person (4-5 days)	eyeglasses	Nonprescription medications

3. Nearest shelters and routes so you can get there safely.
4. Pet owners - find pet friendly shelters.

5. Keep important medical documents, wills, passports, etc. with you .

Insurance cards	Medical records	Banking information
Social Security cards	Birth and Marriage certificates	House and car keys
Pet vet records	Copy of your will	Passports

6. Have a fire extinguisher available and know how to use it.
7. Get your car ready for possible evacuation (tank full of gas) or prepare to stay in place and put your vehicles under cover.
8. Keep an emergency kit in your car.
9. Go over your emergency plan with your family.
10. Check frequently for storm updates
11. Call the hospital or public health department or the police about special needs anyone in your family may have.
12. Put pets and animals in a safe place if you are sheltering in place at your home. Have the following pet supplies available:

Food and water to last 4-5 days	Proper pet identification	Medical records for your pet
Carrier or cage / leash	Medications for your pet	Water and food bowls

13. Clear your yard of any materials or items that will blow in a hurricane and damage your home. Put away bikes, lawn furniture, grills and lawn and garden decorations.
14. Cover windows and doors, use storm shutters or plywood.
15. Turn your power off at the fuse box.
16. Fill clean containers with water for drinking. Fill up sinks and tubs for washing and flushing toilets.

17. Check smoke alarm and CO2 batteries to make sure they are functional.
18. Be ready to evacuate or stay at home. DO NOT ignore orders to evacuate. When evacuating, be sure to take your emergency supply kit and your emergency pet supply kit, along with important documents.
19. Unplug appliances and turn off gas, electricity and water.
20. Follow emergency evacuation routes.
21. If you stay at home, make sure you can easily access your emergency supply kits and stay away from windows; to avoid getting cut by flying glass.
22. Listen to the radio or TV for emergency hurricane updates.
23. Stay inside, do not go outside until you have word that the hurricane is officially over.