

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS KIT

Have these items on hand and easily accessible to grab and keep with you during the storm. You might be in shelter, or trapped, for a while so have everything you need on-hand.

# PLANNING AHEAD

- Create and know your Family Preparedness Plan
- Evaluate your home's risk
- Consider flood insurance

- Trim trees
- Keep gutters clear
- Test generators regularly
- List and photograph of home inventory of valuables

## HYGIENE & LIVING

- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags and ties
- Travel soaps, shampoos & conditioners
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Feminine napkins
- A change of clothes and shoes
- A blanket for each person
- Liquid detergent
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Battery-powered clock

# MEDICAL, SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

- A first-aid kit
- At least 1 flashlight with extra batteries
- A battery-powered radio to keep up with information and extra batteries
- A 7-day supply of any medications (including contacts & solution, denture supplies, hearing aids and batteries, etc. For insulin, pack a 30-day supply to be safe.)
- Contact information for local emergency resources
- Bleach or water purifying supplies
- Small fire extinguisher

## **FOOD & WATER (3- TO 7-DAY SUPPLY)**

- Plenty of water (at least 1 gallon per person, per day, plus additional for food preparation, washing, flushing the toilet, etc.) Bottled water keeps long-term (but replace it annually.) Freeze water in large containers if you want to keep it cold longer without electricity.
- Non-perishable foods that can be eaten without cooking (preferably single-serving sizes of foods like dry cereals, nuts, protein bars, canned meats, canned/dried fruits and vegetables, etc. Be sure to include some comfort foods.)
- A non-electric can-opener
- Spices in water-proof containers
- Plastic plates, bowls, cups and utensils
- Gas for a generator, if you have one.

## **CHILDREN/BABIES**

- Formula/baby food
- Bottles
- Powdered Milk
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper rash ointment

## FOR PETS

- 7 days of food and water  
**(Plus water and food bowls)**
- Pet carrier or crate
- Any pet medications
- Pet first-aid kit
- Litter and box for cats
- Soft pet bed

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# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Ex: Neighbors, Vet or Shelters

## OTHER

- Cash (in small bills) in case you need to purchase emergency supplies
- A copy of this checklist to double-check
- Important documents (passports, social security cards, contracts, personal records, prescriptions, bank information, etc.) in waterproof containers
- Your home inventory information
- Tools to shut off utilities, if needed

# GENERAL PREPAREDNESS

## WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

- Listen for updates
- Review your disaster plan
- Double check your preparedness kit using this list
- Bring in outdoor furniture or loose items
- Secure your home: Close openings, including all doors and windows. Brace them if you can.

## WHEN A HURRICANE IS APPROACHING

- Stay indoors
- Turn the refrigerator to its coldest setting
- Turn off propane tanks
- Fill your tub with extra water (and additional containers, if you have them.)
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so
- Grab your emergency supplies
- Head to your safe location- Choose a small interior room on the lowest level of the home possible. A hallway or closet might be the best choice. If you're on a floor above the 10th, take shelter on a lower level.
- Lie on the floor, taking shelter under a sturdy object

## IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

- If you're instructed to evacuate, don't hesitate. Leave as quickly as you can
- Grab your prepared evacuation kit
- Check your gas tank. If you need to, fill up before you leave

## AVOID

- Opening the fridge if you can (*Using a separate cooler can help*)
- Leaving your safe location
- Elevators
- Opening any doors or windows until you know the storm is over. (The eye of the storm may make it seem calm before the danger has actually passed)

## EXTRA SUPPLIES FOR EVACUATION

- An emergency kit in the car
- Extra gasoline for the car
- A car charger for cell phones
- Contact information to touch base with family
- Maps of the area and evacuation routes
- An extra set of house and car keys

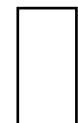
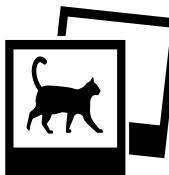
### For Pets:

- A leash and harness
- Photo (in case of separation)
- Toys

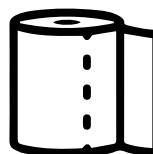
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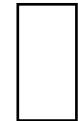
## MORE COMMONLY FORGOTTEN ITEMS



### PHOTOS OF YOUR PET (IN CASE OF SEPARATION)



### TOILET PAPER



### CASH IN SMALL BILLS



### PLASTIC UTENSILS



### THIS CHECK LIST!!!