



Hurricane Preparedness & Survival Guide



Preparedness List for Basic Supply Needs

Basic Supplies

- Water—at least one gallon of water per person per day for drinking, and one gallon per person per day for hygiene and cooking.
- One-week supply of fluids to drink and nonperishable food that does not require cooking, for example: dried fruit, canned tuna fish, peanut butter, etc. (Remember comfort foods).
- Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils.
- Cooler with ice (make extra ice in plastic zip-lock bags and/or plastic food storage containers and place in the freezer to keep food cold longer).
- Non-electric can opener.
- Medications and copies of prescriptions.
- Flashlight or lantern.
- Battery-operated radio.
- Battery-powered fan(s).
- Extra batteries flashlights, radio and fans.
- Tarps.
- Rope or elastic cords (for tarps).
- Tools including wrench to shut off water or gas lines; utility knife or sheeting, tarps. Duct tape, hammer and nails to make temporary repairs.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air.
- Sheets of plastic and duct tape to seal windows and doors if needed.
- Matches or lighter in waterproof container.
- Large garbage bags.
- First aid supplies—over-the-counter pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medicine/laxative, antihistamine, anti-itch cream, antiseptic, band-aids, cotton swabs, etc.. See suggested expanded list of first-aid items on page 26.
- Sanitation—wipes, toilet paper, hygiene supplies, feminine supplies.
- Personal supplies for each family member; antibacterial hand gel, soap, toothpaste/tooth brushes.
- Eyeglasses and extra contact lenses.
- Extra bottled oxygen if dependent on it.
- Portable Power Generator to help keep you and your family going when the power goes out. Consider a quiet, dependable, fuel-efficient Honda generator. Call 954-364-3289 for more info.
- Extra gas for your generator. Store in a ventilated, safe area.
- Extra propane or charcoal for outside grille.
- Cash from ATMs/Bank.
- Books, cards, board games for entertainment.
- Full tank - Fill-up of gas in vehicle(s).
- Cell phone with charger, extra USB battery backup.
- Contacts in mobile device and in print for backup information.
- Household chlorine bleach for cleaning/disinfecting;
- Sunscreen/Insect repellent.
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The Basics - For Pets

- Enough pet food and water for two weeks
- Identification/chip (remember to update)
- License
- Immunization records (for shelters)
- Photo
- Collar and leash
- Medication for two weeks with instructions
- Cat litter, pan, scoop
- Plastic waste bags
- Toys/Blanket
- Disinfectant
- Paper towels
- Carrier or crate
- Newspaper or other lining
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Pet Friendly Shelters



Make sure to check with the emergency management division for your County to confirm the openings of the pet-friendly shelters in your area. Some pet-friendly shelter require preregistration so inquire as to what you need to do now to help keep your furry friend(s) safe from the storm.

If You Plan to Evacuate

Make sure to check with the emergency management division for your County to confirm the openings of the shelters near you and the basic supplies the shelters will provide.

Host Home or Hotel

(In addition to basic supplies)

- Pillow and blankets
- Air mattress, sleeping bag(s), floor mats, etc.
- Food and water. Find out from the host what you can bring, including perishable food you have left
- Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils
Check with your host to see what you should bring.

Public Shelter

(In addition to basic supplies)

- Wearable medical alert tag.
- Air mattress, sleeping bag(s), floor mat and blankets as needed.
- Complete change of clothing for several days.
- Special dietary items (sugar-free, low sodium, gluten-free, etc.) with manual can opener if required. Most shelters will provide common food and water).
- Person hygiene (toothpaste/toothbrush, wipes, soap, shampoo, comb/hairbrush, deodorant, diapers and other personal items).
- Medications in original container.
- Wheelchair, walker or cane.
- Earplugs, headphones, sleep mask.
- Written instructions or orders regarding special care needed.
- Reading material; coloring books and crayons for kids; drawing tablets, small games.
- Pet Kit (only specific shelters allow pets)
Most pet-friendly shelters require pre-registration of pets. Check ahead of time for the nearest pet-friendly shelter near you and review requirements.

ADDITIONAL MISC ITEMS

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