



## Hurricane Safety Checklist

### Hurricane Prep:

- Check insurance to make sure it reflects the current state of your home.
- Standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact Florida
- Do a home inventory, it can save you time and make filing a claim easier. Document the contents of your home with a video camera or other home inventory tool.
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind and clear out gutters.
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters or board up windows with ¾ inch outdoor plywood boards.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Reinforce garage door
- Fill bathtub with water.
- Go over the evacuation plan with the family, and learn alternate routes to safety.
- Learn the location of the nearest shelter or nearest pet-friendly shelter.
- Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND. Remember, if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets.
- Evacuate if ordered and stick to marked evacuation routes, if possible.

### Supplies:

- Water: at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person and pet per day (store in a cool, dry place and replace every two months)
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food as well as at least a 3-day supply of canned (pop-top) or dry food for your pets.
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- A small fire extinguisher
- A multi-purpose tool with pliers and a screwdriver
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers, wipes)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

### After a hurricane:

- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

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