



Hurricane Checklist

Buy supplies early to prepare for the storm. When the storm threatens, lines will be long and supplies short.

HURRICANE KIT

Assemble this now. Put aside in a special box in garage. Keep heat-sensitive items inside home and rotate stock throughout season. Batteries can go in refrigerator.

- ☐ Flashlights and extra bulbs
- ☐ Battery-operated TV or Radio
- ☐ Fully charged battery-operated lanterns. Don't get candles and kerosene lanterns. They are fire hazards.
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Clock (wind-up or battery- operated)
- ☐ Plastic garbage bags
- ☐ Working fire extinguishers
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Clean change of clothes, rain gear, sturdy swamp boots you won't mind throwing away later
- ☐ **An inexpensive rabbit-ears television antenna to use when cable goes out**
- ☐ Map of the area
- ☐ List of phone numbers
- ☐ Copy of insurance policy

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Bottle opener
- ☐ Matches in a plastic bag
- ☐ Pocket knife - preferably Swiss Army-style
- ☐ Camp stove or other cooking device and plenty of fuel.
Use canned fuel, not charcoal or gas
- ☐ Ice chests or coolers
- ☐ Paper plates, napkins
- ☐ Plastic cups, knives, forks, spoons

FOOD SUPPLIES

Get enough nonperishable foods now for two weeks. Then put them in a box and leave them alone Don't buy foods that are salty or dry or high in fat or protein; they'll make you thirsty.

- ☐ Water: 2 quarts to 1 gallon per person (get a week's supply)
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Shelf-package juice and milk boxes
- ☐ Canned and powdered milk
- ☐ Beverages (powdered or canned, fruit juices, instant coffee, tea)
- ☐ Prepared foods (canned soups, beef, spaghetti, tuna, chicken, ham, corned beef hash, packaged pudding)
- ☐ Canned vegetables and fruits
- ☐ Dried fruits
- ☐ Snacks (crackers, cookies, hard candy, nuts)
- ☐ Snack spreads (peanut butter, cheese spreads, jelly)
- ☐ Cereals
- ☐ Raw vegetables
- ☐ Sugar, salt, pepper
- ☐ Bread

- ☐ Dry and canned pet food

HARDWARE

- ☐ Hand tools - hammer, screwdrivers to use now, shovel and pickax for after the storm
- ☐ Power screwdriver
- ☐ 4-by 8-foot sheets of plywood 3/8-inch to 1/2-inch thick to put over your windows. Make sure you ask for exterior plywood.
- ☐ 1/4-inch machine screw sockets and screws
- ☐ Plastic sheeting to cover furniture
- ☐ Rope
- ☐ Sturdy working gloves
- ☐ Duct tape to waterproof items. Masking tape isn't strong enough
- ☐ Canvas tarps
- ☐ Nails. There are many kinds, so look over your home now and determine what you will need. A nail too small, the wrong shape or hammered in wrong will fail, and that will give the storm the breach it needs to get into your home.

BABY NEEDS

- ☐ Disposable diapers
- ☐ Wipes
- ☐ Diaper-rash ointment, petroleum jelly
- ☐ Baby medicines (pain, cold, cough)
- ☐ Medicine dropper
- ☐ Extra formula, baby food

EMERGENCY TOILET

- ☐ Small can or garbage can with tight lid
- ☐ Plastic bags for liners
- ☐ Disinfectant or bleach
- ☐ Deodorizer

MEDICAL NEEDS

Drugstores will be mobbed just before a storm and closed for days after. Keep a 2-week supply of prescription drugs.

- ☐ Medic Alert tags
- ☐ Insect repellent sprays and candles
- ☐ Feminine hygiene items
- ☐ Insect bite lotion
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ First-aid handbook
- ☐ Extra over-the-counter medicine (for colds, allergies)
- ☐ Children's medicines
- ☐ Aspirin
- ☐ Diarrhea medication
- ☐ Bandages
- ☐ Adhesive tape
- ☐ Cotton-tipped swabs
- ☐ Antiseptic solution
- ☐ Sterile rolls, bandages
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Needles
- ☐ Disinfectant
- ☐ Plastic bags, jugs or containers to store water and ice.
- ☐ Water purification tablets
- ☐ Plastic to line bathtub.