

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



BE PREPARED FOR TROPICAL STORMS BY KNOWING THE FACTS

- Ensure you have a way to receive warnings—a NOAA weather radio, the AccuWeather app on your phone or the radio/television. Sign up for alert notifications that are specific to your town or region.
- Know your local hurricane evacuation route(s), as well as shelters outside the evacuation zone.
- Make sure your vehicles are in good working condition and able to make the potentially several hundred-mile trip.
- Put together a “go bag” for each member of your family, including pets, that includes clothes, toiletries, medicines and anything else needed to survive comfortably away from home for several days.
- Put together a general emergency preparedness kit.
 - Water (1 gallon per person per day)
 - Non-perishable food
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help if trapped in debris
 - Battery-powered weather radio with extra batteries
 - Flashlight
 - Cash
- Know the difference!
 - **Hurricane/Tropical Storm Watch:** Hurricane conditions are possible in the next 48 hours. Stay tuned into alerts and look over evacuation route. **Double-check emergency preparedness kit.**
 - **Hurricane/Tropical Storm Warning:** Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. **If in the evacuation zone, it is time to evacuate** to a safe shelter outside the evacuation zone with your family and pets. Stay in contact with family and friends using phones or social media to let them know you’re safe.
- Preparing your home before hurricane season starts:
 - Take pictures of your property, inside and out. This will come in handy if/when talking to insurance companies about storm damage.
 - Purchase a generator and make sure it works ahead of time as electricity can be out for weeks after a hurricane.
 - Cut down any trees or branches that could fall or be blown into the house.
 - Store bottled water in case water becomes polluted or unavailable.
- Before evacuating:
 - Clear out drains and gutters to keep them from flooding when it rains heavily.
 - Bring inside any outdoor objects that could be picked up and thrown by strong winds.
 - Unplug electronic devices and turn off utilities as directed to do so by authorities before evacuating.
 - Large pets or livestock that cannot be taken with you when evacuating should be evacuated well ahead of time, so it’s important to have a plan in place for this.
 - Board up all windows to prevent broken glass.

