



# Hurricane Season: Are you Prepared?

Hurricane Season runs June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Florida and Gulf Coast communities are vulnerable to these storms and should start taking preparations now, if they haven't already for the storm season.

## Preparedness Planning

### What to do before a Storm

- Listen to your local weather radio station.
- Check your disaster supplies. Replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Find out about your community's hurricane response plan.
- Obey evacuation orders. Avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

### What to do during a Storm

- Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- Stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.
- Avoid elevators.

### What to do after a Storm

- Continue listening to radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it's safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Inspect your home for damage and take pictures of damage.



### Recommended Hurricane Supplies:

- Water—at least a 3-day supply
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishables
- Flashlight
- Radio
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.)
- Tools
- 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
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear