



Hurricane Season: Are you Prepared?

Hurricane Season runs June 1st through November 30th. 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

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