

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

Purchase supplies early to prepare for a storm.

When a storm threatens, lines will be long and supplies will be short.

Food Supplies:

- Water: 2 ½ gallons per person per day (store in clean plastic containers)
- Ice
- Canned & powdered milk
- Beverages (powdered or box/canned fruit juices, instant coffee, tea)
- Prepared foods (canned soups, beef, spaghetti, tuna, chicken, ham, corned beef hash, packaged pudding)
- Canned vegetables/fruits
- Dried fruits
- Snacks (crackers, cookies, nuts, hard candy)
- Cereals
- Raw vegetables
- Sugar, salt, pepper
- Bread
- Dry & canned pet food

Kitchen Supplies:

- Manual can opener
- Bottle opener
- Pocket knife
- Camp stove or other cooking device and plenty of fuel. Charcoal or gas for grills (use grills outside only and away from home or other buildings)
- Paper plates, napkins, aluminum foil
- Plastic cups, knives, forks, spoons

Baby Needs:

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

Hardware:

- Hand tools – hammer, screwdrivers, shovel and pickax
- Power screwdriver
- 4 X 8 foot, ½ inch thick sheets of plywood to cover windows
- ¼ 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 and determine what you will need now (before a storm). Using a nail too small or the wrong shape will fail and damage will occur.
- Tarp and 1 X 1 fir strips for emergency roof repairs
- Spray paint to identify home incase it's damaged
- Ladder (tall enough to make repairs to roof if damaged)

To make an Emergency toilet:

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

Household items:

- Flash lights and extra bulbs
- Battery operated TV or radio
- Fully charged battery-operated lanterns
- Extra batteries
- Matches (store in a sealed plastic bag)
- Plastic garbage bags
- Working fire extinguisher
- Scissors
- Toilet paper
- Clean change of clothes, rain gear, hat, sturdy boots and work gloves
- Map of the area
- List of emergency contact phone numbers
- Copy of insurance policy, deed, etc.
- Plastic bags, jugs or containers to store water and ice
- Water purification tablets
- Plastic to line bathtub
- Absorbent Towels
- Pillows, blankets and sleeping bags
- Newspaper, cat litter or plastic sheets for pets area

Medicines: Drug stores could be closed for days after a storm, make sure to have a 2 week supply.

- Medic Alert tags
- Insect repellent sprays and candles
- Personal and feminine hygiene items
- Insect bite lotion
- Sunscreen
- Soap
- First-aid kit with handbook
- Extra over the counter medicine (colds, allergies)
- Children's medicine
- Aspirin
- Diarrhea medication
- Bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Cotton-tipped swabs
- Antiseptic solution
- Sterile rolls, bandages
- Tweezers
- Needles
- Disinfectant
- Rubbing alcohol
- Antacid
- Denture needs, contact lenses and extra pair of eyeglasses

Reminders:

- Candles and/or kerosene lanterns are fire hazards
- It's a good idea to make sure you have a full tank of gas in all available vehicles if you decide to stay in your home during a hurricane.
- Remember that ATM's will not work until the electricity is restored.
- Have a two week supply per person of non-perishable foods. Avoid salty or foods high in protein or fat; they will make you thirsty.