



PLAN, PREPARE AND BE AWARE:

Hurricanes are powerful and unpredictable storms that can cause significant damage to property and pose a serious threat to personal safety. It's crucial to stay informed about potential storms by monitoring weather forecasts and paying attention to official warnings issued by local authorities. It's also essential to have an emergency plan in place that includes evacuation procedures, necessary supplies, and communication methods. By taking these steps, you can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe during a hurricane.

SANITARY ITEMS

- Plastic garbage bags
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Wipes, alcohol, and sanitizer
- Liquid detergent
- Disinfectant

CLEANUP SUPPLIES

- Washing detergents
- Shovel, mops, brooms, etc.
- Buckets and extra hose
- Old blankets, towels, and rags
- Large plastic garbage bags and ties
- Rubber gloves
- Bleach and disinfectants
- Camera to photograph home before cleanup

BEDDING

- Sleeping bags
- Blankets
- Pillows

LIGHTING

- Solar driveway lights on road and house
- Solar wall-mounted house lights at entrances
- Waterproof flashlights
- Solar battery-powered lantern
- Extra batteries
- Chemical light sticks

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

- Solar-powered gadgets

- Battery-operated radio
- Extra batteries
- NOAA weather radio
- Cellular phone and charger
- Non-cordless phone

VALUABLES

- Extra set of car keys for each vehicle
- Computer backups
- Jewelry and other small valuables
- Extra cash
- Credit cards

GUIDE

SAFETY SUPPLIES

- Whistle
- Solar-powered gadgets
- Fire extinguisher
- Waterproof matches
- Insect repellents/candles
- Work gloves
- Utility knife
- Shovel, hand saw, axe
- Hammer, nails, pliers, shut-off wrench
- Tarp, duct tape, snap ties
- Small boat
- Chain saw
- Generator and fuel
- Wet/dry vacuum
- Extra oil, gas
- Jumper cables
- Compass and maps
- Written instructions on how to turn off utilities (gas, water, electricity)





PREPARE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Listen to the radio
- TV
- Check the NOAA website for updates
- Bring all outdoor items inside
- Patio furniture
- Potted plants
- Garden tools
- Grills
 - Toys
- Light-weight outdoor items
- Clear out gutters
- Downspouts
- Secure any gravel or rock
- Cut weak branches and tree
- Trim shrubbery
- Secure and protect windows
- Secure exterior doors
- Secure and protect sliding glass doors
- Replace old garage doors and tracks
- Seal outside wall openings
- Vent
- Outdoor electrical outlet
- Garden hose bibs
- Cables or pipes going through a wall
- Fuel your personal vehicles
- Fuel your generator
- Fill extra gas cans

PREPARE INSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Prepared to shelter
- Store supplies
- Protect important documents such as:
 - Vital records
 - Insurance policies
 - Medical information
 - Property and financial records
- Check Shutters
- Repair/strengthen weak areas
- Take pictures of home
- Tie down and secure outside furniture

- Turn off propane tanks

HOUSEHOLD IMPORTANT PAPERS:

Create a personal file containing information about your possessions and keep it in a secure place, such as a **safe deposit box** or **waterproof container**.

Consider including copies of the following for each family member:

- Driver's license(s)
- Vehicle registration papers
- Government-issued ID
- Social security cards
- Passport/birth certificates
- Proof of residence (deed or lease)
- Utility bill
- Property Tax
- Marriage records
- Death records
- Wills
- Insurance policies
 - Residential
 - Life
 - Health
 - Vehicle
- Business
- Liability
- Flood?
- Medical and vaccination records.
- Stocks, bonds, mortgages, and tax returns
- Checking and savings account information
- Photos of your home/apartment and possessions.
 - Exterior – all sides
 - Interior rooms – all sides
 - Furniture – various angles
 - Appliances
 - Furnaces and air conditioning equipment
 - Electrical panel
 - Electrical/Gas exterior meters
 - Exterior electrical weather head
 - Exterior condensers, equipment
 - Garage – interiors, and equipment
 - Exterior Landscaping
 - Driveway and exterior furnishing

