
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

HURRICANE DO'S

- Start preparing at the beginning of the season. In Florida, there is a brief window at the beginning where most hurricane supplies are tax-free. Waiting until a hurricane approaches could mean stores will be out of certain supplies.
- Make ice in your freezer, dump it into Ziploc® bags, and store it in your deep freeze/regular freezer. If the power goes out, this will help keep your food cold for a longer period of time.
- Have a plan in place for tornadoes. This should be a room in your home away from exterior doors and windows. Make sure everyone is aware of this room.
- Have board games or card games to entertain yourselves.
- Have buckets and tarps on hand for leaks. These items can help keep things dry while you wait for the storm to pass.
- Safety permitting, check in with elderly/disabled neighbors to make sure they don't need anything (including help with shutters). This is a time to be kind to all.
- Double check that ALL of your windows/doors have a shutter or plywood that fits.

HURRICANE DON'TS

- Do not panic buy.
- Do not go out in the middle of the storms—especially at night. You cannot always see the problem until it literally hits you in the face. Hazards including flying tree limbs, fallen powerlines, and debris.
- If you know you live in an area that is going to have an INTENSE storm surge and there is an evacuation order, please listen. Understand that if you are trapped in your home in the middle of a storm, there may not be anyone to help in an emergency.
- Do not go out as SOON as the storm is partially over and try to run through the water. That water could contain live wires, snakes, shrapnel, etc.
- Do not store your important documents in the stove or dishwasher. Put them in a waterproof container that can be easily moved if you need to take them.
- Store lawn furniture and ornaments in a garage or shed to prevent flying debris through your neighborhood.

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HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT

- Tarps for leaks
- Batteries of all sizes
- Flashlights
- Disinfectant wipes/sanitizer/baby wipes
- Cell phone/tablet battery backups
- Masks in case of toxins from leaks/cave-ins
- Disposable camera (if something happens to your phone, you'll need a way to take photos of any damage for insurance)
- Trash bags
- First aid kit
- Can opener
- Generator
- Gas cans
- Shutters

SUPPLIES FOR AN INCOMING STORM

- Water
- Non-perishable foods
- Medications (prescriptions and OTC)
- Treats/medications/food for animals
- Baby food/wipes/formula/diapers
- Gas (for gas cans and vehicles)