

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

Each person must decide for him or her self what items to gather according to any list depending upon the time given to evacuate. Here is a compilation of the more useful items to take, what to do before leaving, and what to do now to prepare.

What To Take

Family

- Pets (if advance warning, take to an approved shelter)
- Pet ID Tags
- Pet leashes
- Pet medications
- Pet water bowls
- Photographs of all family members (identification purposes)

Documents

- Birth Certificates
- Car Insurance Cards
- Computer back up disks
- Computers (time permitting)
- Driver's licenses
- Health Insurance Cards
- House deeds
- Insurance papers
- Legal documents
- Marriage license
- Tax papers

Money

- Blank checks
- Cash
- Check books
- Credit cards
- Purse
- Wallet
- Important banking paperwork

Medications

- Prescriptions
- First Aid Kit
- Prescription glasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Various OTC (over the counter) medications

Jewelry

- Decorations, pins, awards
- Family heirlooms
- Valuable jewelry

Sentimental

- Family Bible
- Irreplaceable keepsakes
- Original paintings
- Photos, albums, slides, movies, home videos

Food and Water (for 3 to 7 days)

- Manual can opener
- Non-perishable, ready-to-eat food
- Pet food
- Pet treats
- Water (at least 1 gallon per person per day)

Toiletries

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo
- Towels
- Shaving articles
- Sanitary items

Clothing (appropriate for the season)

- Change of clothing for each person (for 1 to 7 days)
- Change of underwear
- Coats / Jackets (in-climate weather gear)
- Hats / caps
- Infant supplies and toys
- Shoes / boots
- Sleepwear

Additional Items to Take

- Pillows
- Blankets
- Cameras and extra batteries
- Cell phones and chargers

- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Portable radio (access to Weather Channel) and extra batteries
- Reading material
- Recreational items (cards, board games, etc.)

What to do before leaving

- Establish and evacuation plan, travel route, probable destination
- Close fire resistant window coverings, heavy drapes, and blinds
- Close garage door (disconnect automatic garage door opener)
- Close outside vents and shutters
- Determine where separated members will meet
- Disconnect propane tank
- Fill bathtubs, sinks and containers with water
- Fill up vehicle with gasoline
- Follow any official agency's evacuation instructions
- Move overstuffed furniture away from windows
- Remove combustible items from around the outside of the house
- Turn off appliances, thermostats, fireplaces, stoves, etc.
- Turn off natural gas at meter
- Turn on exterior lights
- Lock doors and windows