

Planning and Preparing for Hurricanes

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Preparing your home

- Take videos and/or pictures of your home and valuables.
- Make a list of items that have value with name, description, and value (this should be done earlier in the year).
- Cover your windows with shutters and/or plywood
- Minimize projectile objects
 - Bring in any decorative items, chairs, garbage cans etc.
 - Pick up debris in your yard and surrounding area
- Gather some wood if you can keep dry (if needed) for cooking
- Gas up vehicles
- Sandbags – Tape tarp or plastic bags, then layer sandbags
- Have extra tarps on hand and rope
- Roles of duct tape
- Ponchos or garbage bags
- Plan evacuation routes
- Secure the garage and park your car up to the garage door
- Park away from branches that can fall
- Place lights and candles (with matches/lighters) in place prior to storm
- Have towels available in case of water intrusion
- Store laptops and other electronics away from windows and put them in plastic
- For Tornado Threats – Have inside inner room or closet prepared, blankets, sneakers, important documents

Generators

- Always keep them outside and away from any open windows or doors
- Secure them if you have an open yard, if possible, to avoid theft
- Start it up before the storm
- Do a tune up on your generator if necessary
- Fill extra gas cans
- Have an extra bottle of oil
- Rotate items that are plugged in to it
- Rotate shutting it off, throughout the day and in the evening

Supplies to have on hand

- First Aid Kits
- Cash
- Have important paperwork in Ziplock bags
 - Birth certificates
 - Insurance and Titles
 - IDs
- Have your go bag ready – paperwork, car keys, charger, medicine, first aid kits
- Have blankets and sneakers available
- Medications for 7 days
- Pet Food
- Everything charged and have back up batteries
- Weather radio or small radio – battery operated
- Sanitizer/wipes
- Knife
- Waterproof or regular matches/lighters
- Battery operated Fans
- Cooling Towels
- Candles, lights, flashlights, etc.

Food

- Know what is in your refrigerator/freezer
- Plan your meals
- Have ready to eat food that does not need cooking
 - Cans of food
 - Have a manual can opener
- High protein items
 - Canned meats – Vienna sausage, tuna, chicken etc.
 - Beef Jerky
 - Non refrigerated Protein Drinks
 - Tuna Packs
 - Non refrigerated or powdered milk
 - Fruit pouches
 - Hot Dogs
- Have a fuel source
- Grill, sternos, camp stove, firepit

Water

- Recommend a minimum of one gallon of water per day for each member of the family. For at least 3 days, however if you have the space 1-2 weeks if possible
- Fill up jugs with drinking water.
- Fill up your tubs with water and any other large jugs, milk containers etc. to help with flushing the toilets.
- Fill your washing machine with ice for bottles of water

Refrigerator/Freezer

- Be intentional about what foods are in them – main fridge and back up
- Stock with things that you can easily grab, do not keep it open for a long time
- Put water bottles in your freezer to help keep everything cold and you will have water as it melts.
- Fill ice bags or bags with water and put them in your freezer

Websites and News Channels

- Review and set up apps with GPS locations
- Review the sites for the following:
 - Emergency Planning and Special Needs Registry and
 - Evacuation Routes and zones
- FPL – Power Updates

Florida Disaster <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

FEMA - <https://www.fema.gov/locations/florida>

Florida 511 - <https://fl511.com/emergencyinfo>

Special Needs Registry - <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/>

Florida Health - <https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/index.html>

FPL – www.fpl.com

News

Channel 2 Wesh - <https://www.wesh.com/weather>

Channel 13 Spectrum - <https://mynews13.com/fl/orlando>

The Weather Channel -

<https://weather.com/weather/today//Orlando+FL?canonicalCityId=b1bb64752b9921f0b125e7c5f07df6c368a52eab5db82010fa6a2b3d4e15473c>