



HURRICANE CHECKLIST

Before the Storm

- Monitor local radio and TV stations or your city/county website for the latest weather updates and emergency instructions. Keep a battery-powered radio on hand.
- Bring in or secure loose outdoor objects.
- Prepare your home. If your home has awnings, lower them or install approved storm panels. If storm panels are not available, use sturdy plywood to cover windows. If you cannot cover your windows, identify a windowless room where you can take shelter.
- Follow instructions from county and state officials regarding evacuations and shelter locations.
- Gather emergency supplies, including water, flashlights, batteries, a first-aid kit, medications, nonperishable food, a manual can opener, a fire extinguisher, candles and matches, toiletries and personal hygiene supplies.
- Plan how you will communicate with family members if you lose power. Text messages, email and social media may be more reliable than phone calls during a disaster because phone networks can become overloaded.

During the Storm

- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- Monitor your radio or local emergency alerts for updates and instructions.
- Do not be fooled by a lull in the storm. It may be the eye passing over your area.
- Limit phone calls to emergencies only.
- If you lose power, conserve refrigeration by opening the refrigerator and freezer only when necessary.

After the Storm

- **Stay away from downed power lines, trees and debris. Never touch a downed power line or anything it may be touching.**
- Follow instructions from local officials and emergency personnel.
- Never drive through flooded roadways.
- Stay away from moving water, especially near rivers, streams and drainage systems.
- Continue monitoring local radio, TV and emergency alerts for weather updates and other important information.