

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

The right time to prepare for a hurricane is now. This helpful checklist will get you started. Make sure to include your entire family in the preparation and discuss your emergency plan with them. Post this checklist in an easily accessible location so it's always close by. Remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you complete the checklist.

## BEFORE A HURRICANE

Stock your emergency kit and "go bag" with:

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

- Important contact information for family, school, work, doctors, etc., including phone numbers and email addresses
- Cellular phone, extra battery, and chargers for electrical equipment
- AM/FM radio/NOAA Weather Radio (extra batteries)
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### MEDICAL NEEDS

- Medications for at least one week and copies of prescriptions
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Medical equipment/assistive technology and backup batteries
- First aid kit
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### CRITICAL DOCUMENTS

- Photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport)
- Cash and credit cards
- Personal records (e.g., birth certificates, marriage certificates)
- Medical records
- Financial information (e.g., bank account or credit card information)
- Property records (e.g., insurance policies, deed, or lease)
- Waterproof, portable container for important documents
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## TOOLS & SAFETY ITEMS

- Flashlight
- Multi-purpose tool
- Matches or lighter in waterproof container
- Whistle
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## FOOD/SUPPLIES

- At least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, supplies, and extra water
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## HYGIENE & SANITATION

- Soap/disinfectant/sanitizer
- Paper towels/moist towelettes
- Toilet paper
- Bleach
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
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## PROTECTIVE GEAR & CLOTHING

- Extra warm clothes
- Sturdy shoes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
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## COMFORT & PRICELESS ITEMS

- Items like: books, puzzles, favorite stuffed toy, photo albums, valuables
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## DURING A HURRICANE

When a tropical storm or hurricane watch is issued, it's important to stay informed.

Tune in to channels: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check for alerts on apps: FEMA App  
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**In case of evacuation, grab your "go bag" and leave immediately.**  
Use evacuation route: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The closest shelter is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meet family at: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Make sure to take these important numbers with you:**  
Family member's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Out-of-state contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary physician's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Insurance company's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FEMA's helpline:** 1-800-621-FEMA

**TTY:** 1-800-462-7585

**VRS:** 1-800-621-3362

**Red Cross's helpline:** 1-800-733-2727