

Work together with your family to develop a family plan so that the adults and children know what to do.

Use the checklist to ensure that your Disaster Survival Kit is well prepared.



DISASTER SURVIVAL KIT CHECKLIST

- 1 gallon of commercially bottled water per person daily
- Canned, boxed or plastic bottled juice
- Canned foods: meat, fish, fruits, vegetables
- Dried food like bread, cookies, biscuits
- Baby food and formula (*if needed*)
- Disposable plates, cups, utensils and garbage bags
- Cooking tools and fuel
- Insurance papers, medical records and identification stored in a waterproof bag
- First Aid Kit with mosquito repellent
- Prescription Medicine (*min. a week's supply*)
- Infant care supplies, diapers, etc.
- Special items for elderly or disabled family members
- Flashlights, extra batteries
- Battery operated radio and clock
- Manual can opener
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Water purification kit or bleach (*4 drops per qt*)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items including feminine supplies
- Toilet paper, moist towelettes and soap
- Fire extinguisher
- Tools including a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Sturdy shoes, extra clothing, eyeglasses
- Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags
- Small amount of cash in small bills
- Pet care items, food, water, carrier, medications, muzzle and leash.

“HURRICANE?! WHEN IT HAPPENS I’LL DEAL WITH IT!”

HOW?



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1 PREPARE 2 PROTECT 3 ASSIST

1 PREPARE YOUR HOME & SUPPLIES WELL IN ADVANCE

- ★ Trim branches and cut all dead or weak branches on trees.
- ★ Check your home and auto insurance to confirm that policies are valid and coverage is appropriate.
- ★ Protect your windows by using permanent shutters or plywood panels.
- ★ Store valuables and important papers in a water-proof container at the highest level of your home.
- ★ Know your Emergency Shelter location.

BEFORE

- ★ Listen to your local radio or television for hurricane progress reports and official instructions.
- ★ Bring indoors all outdoor objects and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside including antennas and satellite dishes.
- ★ Check your supplies and medication.
- ★ Store commercially bottled for drinking, as well as water in sealed plastic containers for other hygienic purposes.
- ★ Fill up your gas tank.
- ★ If you need to evacuate your home, lock it securely and go to the nearest shelter before the hurricane strikes. Do not go outside during a hurricane.
- ★ Take blankets, sleeping bags and other emergency supplies to the shelter.
- ★ Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- ★ Secure information or tools you will require for your job after the storm.

HURRICANE AND TROPICAL STORM WATCHES will be issued when tropical Storm/Hurricane conditions are possible along the coast within 48 hours.

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2 PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES BEFORE, DURING & AFTER



DURING

- ★ Listen constantly to your local radio or television for hurricane progress reports and official instructions.
- ★ Stay inside away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- ★ Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
- ★ Electricity and water are usually cut off during this period, to prevent damage when the power is turned on unplug all appliances.
- ★ Turn off your water, gas and electricity at the main switches or valves.

3 ASSIST YOUR FAMILY, NEIGHBOURS & COMMUNITY

AFTER

- ★ Assist in community recovery efforts
- ★ Watch out for washed out roads, flooding, contaminated water, gas leaks, fire, broken glass and damaged electrical wiring.
- ★ Seek medical attention for injured persons.
- ★ Watch out for secondary hazards such as fire, flooding, etc.
- ★ Clean up debris and effect temporary repairs.
- ★ Protect yourself from mosquitoes, flies and other pests that may increase in your area after the storm.
- ★ Do a damage assesment and co-operate with Damage Assessors.
- ★ Avoid sightseeing.

