

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Step 1

Prepare Early

Create a list of family members and friends along with their contact information. Make sure everyone on your list knows about your emergency plans in the event of a storm.

Step 2

Clear Outdoor Areas of Potential Projectiles

Wind during a hurricane can reach over 100 mph. Reduce the risk of damage to yourself and your home by removing lawn furniture, umbrellas, and other outdoor items.

Step 3

Secure Personal Documents in Water-Tight Container

In the event of flooding or torrential rain, sensitive documents could be at risk. Place all important documents including your ID, social security card, prescription information, and emergency contact list in the water-tight container and keep it on you always.

Step 4

Create a Kit of Emergency Supplies

Have a kit of emergency supplies readily available that includes: (1) a two-week supply of medication, canned food and non-perishables, a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a battery-operated radio, emergency cell phone, and at least 7 gallons of clean water.

Step 5

Know Your Evacuation Routes

Ask your local first responders and emergency management team for detailed information about emergency evacuation routes and local shelters in advance of a storm.

Step 6

Prepare Your Pets

Pets are important members of the family and they need protection during a storm as well. Consider boarding them with their veterinarian or boarding facility where they can stay safe.

Step 7

Safety First

Hurricanes can leave communities without power or running water for weeks. Consider your safety first by choosing to stay in a senior living community or with a loved-one before a storm hits.