

Disaster Preparedness Kit

Use the following checklists as a guide to help include items you, your family, and your pet may need as part of your Disaster Preparedness Kit.

PERSONAL/FAMILY CHECKLIST

Home or Property Recovery

- Utility knife
- Work gloves
- Duct tape (to secure coverings)
- Hammer and nails or construction stapler
- Fire extinguisher – small canister (ABC type)
- Plywood (pre-cut) to cover windows and doors
- Plastic sheeting/bags (to cover electronic devices)
- Pliers and/or wrench (to turn off gas and water, if needed)
- Flood Insurance – this is a separate policy as most homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage

Personal Health & Safety

- Important telephone numbers
- Eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Inventory of valuable household items
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers
- Hurricane evacuation zones and evacuation route maps and area map for shelter locations

- Antibacterial wipes, masks, moist towelettes, toilet paper, soap, and liquid detergent
- Important family documents in a waterproof, portable container; include items such as:
 - Birth, marriage, and death certificates
 - Wills, insurance policies, deeds, contracts
 - Homeowners and flood insurance policies
 - Passports, social security cards, immunization records
 - Bank and credit account numbers and contact information
- First aid kits for your home and cars with items recommended by the American Red Cross (first aid books and kits can be purchased by the American Red Cross)

Food & Water

- Camping stove
- Cooking tools/fuel
- Manual can opener
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper plates, plastic cups, and utensils
- Water – at least one gallon daily per person (and pet) for three to seven days – two quarts for drinking/two quarts for food preparation and cleaning
- Food – at least enough for three to seven days including non-perishable packaged or canned food (such as meat, soup, and fruit) and juices; special food for infants, the elderly, or those with food allergies or illness





Clothing & Bedding

- ❑ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ❑ Sturdy shoes or work boots
- ❑ Clothing for wet and/or dirty conditions
- ❑ Rain gear – including umbrella, raincoat/poncho, and rain boots

Vehicle Supplies

- ❑ White distress flag
- ❑ Fully gassed vehicles
- ❑ Flashlight or camping lantern, extra batteries, and a roadmap
- ❑ Tire repair kit and spare tire in good condition, jumper cables, pump, and flares

Misc. Tools & Supplies

- ❑ Whistle
- ❑ Needles, thread
- ❑ Fuel for generator
- ❑ Mosquito repellent
- ❑ Telephone with a cord
- ❑ Cash or traveler's checks
- ❑ Plastic garbage bags, ties
- ❑ Cell phone with charger or extra battery
- ❑ Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- ❑ Books, games, paper, pencils, crayons for kids
- ❑ Sunscreen and shade items (umbrella, wide-brimmed hat)

FACT:

Only four Category 5 hurricanes have struck the U.S. in recorded history:

- 1935 Labor Day Hurricane (Florida Keys landfall)
- 1969 Hurricane Camille (Mississippi landfall)
- 1992 Hurricane Andrew (South Florida landfall)
- 2018 Hurricane Michael (Florida Panhandle landfall)

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS WILL NOT RESPOND TO EMERGENCY CALLS DURING A STORM ONCE WIND SPEEDS REACH 40 MPH.