

Your Safety Checklist

Prepare for being without electricity for at least two weeks.



HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT

Essentials

- ☐ Battery-operated radio or television
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Lighters/matches

Water

- ☐ Water for cooking and sanitation (7 gallons of water per person is recommended)

Food

- ☐ Ice chest and bags of ice for food storage
- ☐ Two-week supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation and little or no water

First Aid Kit

- ☐ Non-prescription medications, such as aspirin
- ☐ Essential prescription medications
- ☐ Band-aids, moist towelettes and antibacterial medications
- ☐ Insect repellent

Important Papers

- ☐ Map/directions to shelter locations
- ☐ Emergency telephone numbers
- ☐ Identification, such as passports, drivers licenses and Social Security cards
- ☐ Family records such as birth, death and marriage certificates
- ☐ Insurance policies, contracts, deeds and wills
- ☐ Inventory of valuable household items, including photos and purchase receipts
- ☐ Medical immunization records
- ☐ Pet vaccination records
- ☐ Family photos

Additional Supplies and Tools

- ☐ Baby food, diapers and formula
- ☐ Pet food and leash
- ☐ Cleaning and sanitation supplies, such as broom, mop, napkins, rags, plastic trash bags
- ☐ Disposable eating utensils
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Water-proof tarp (to cover roof or windows if damaged)

- ☐ Sleeping bags
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Camera and film to document any damage properly

BEFORE THE STORM

Develop a Family Plan

- ☐ Call 334-3434 to make sure GRU has your correct phone number on file
- ☐ Create a checklist of tips on how to prepare the home, both indoors and outdoors
- ☐ Using a map, plan preferred evacuation routes and decide on a meeting place in case you become separated
- ☐ Select a safe place to take pets, as most disaster shelters cannot accept pets. Make sure dogs and cats wear collars and have up-to-date identification tags

Prepare Your Property

- ☐ Trim dead branches from trees and shrubs
- ☐ Clear debris from yard
- ☐ Store or anchor loose outdoor items
- ☐ Protect pool filter motor
- ☐ Park vehicles in a sheltered area

When a Hurricane Watch Is Issued

(Hurricane conditions expected in 24-48 hours)

- ☐ Make certain your emergency kit is complete
- ☐ Tune in to your local television or radio station for weather bulletins
- ☐ Fill your vehicle with gas
- ☐ Make certain you have enough cash with you
- ☐ Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep door closed
- ☐ Move indoor furniture away from windows and cover with plastic
- ☐ Board up windows
- ☐ Remove or tie down awnings and shutters

- ☐ Brace garage doors from inside
- ☐ Anchor small sheds
- ☐ Replace roof turbines with metal caps
- ☐ Put chlorine in pool; do not drain pool
- ☐ Sterilize bathtubs sinks, then fill with water

If Your Area Is Under Evacuation

(Leave early, preferably during daylight hours)

- ☐ Notify family and neighbors
- ☐ Confirm with your local emergency management office about which shelters are available for people with special needs
- ☐ Confirm with motels/hotels that pets are allowed
- ☐ Turn off natural gas appliances at their shut-off valves, not outside meters
- ☐ Take photo identification, emergency kit and important documents such as insurance papers

DURING THE STORM

- ☐ Stay indoors if you have not been ordered to evacuate
- ☐ Take refuge in a small interior room, hallway or closet on the lowest level
- ☐ If you don't have an interior room, lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object
- ☐ Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered
- ☐ Close all interior doors; secure and brace external doors
- ☐ Keep your emergency kit with you

AFTER THE STORM

- ☐ Listen to television or radio advisories
- ☐ Take reasonable steps to protect your property from further damage
- ☐ Do not attempt to drive across flowing water
- ☐ If using a generator, keep it outside in a well-ventilated area
- ☐ Document property damage with camera
- ☐ If you have evacuated, wait until it is declared safe before returning home