



HURRICANE READINESS & RESPONSE

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

- Water – at least a 3 day supply: one gallon per person per day
- Food – at least a 3 day supply: non-perishable, easy to prepare foods
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Battery powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio if possible)
- First aid kit
- Medications – 7 day supply and medical items: hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane
- Multiple purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents: deeds, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies
- Cell phones and chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Baby supplies: bottles, formula, diapers, baby food
- Pet supplies: collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl
- Tools, tarps, plywood, screws for protecting your home
- Extra car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy clothes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sun screen
- Camera for photos of any damage

HURRICANE WATCH



Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours.

HURRICANE WARNING



Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by the authorities.

AFTER THE STORM

Stay alert for extended rainfall and flooding

Only return home after officials say it is safe

Drive only when necessary, avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges

Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company

Stay out of any building that has water around it

Inspect your home for damage – take pictures of building and contents for insurance purposes

Use flash lights in the dark – do not use candles

Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it is not contaminated

Check refrigerated goods for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.

Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury

Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control

Use the telephone only for emergency calls

Some of the above information was provided by the American Red Cross web page.

If you are separated from friends and family during a storm, please contact your Red Cross or go to their web page where you can login and register yourself as lost or looking for loved ones.

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare> | <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>