

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