

# Hurricane Checklist

Buy supplies early to prepare for the storm. When the storm threatens, lines will be long and supplies short.

## FOOD SUPPLIES

Get enough nonperishable foods now for two weeks. Then put them in a box and leave them alone. Don't buy foods that are salty or dry or high in fat or protein; they'll make you thirsty.

- Water - 2 quarts to 1 gallon per person (get a week's supply)
- Ice
- Shelf-package juice and milk boxes
- Canned and powdered milk
- Beverages (powdered or canned, fruit juices, instant coffee, tea)
- Prepared foods (canned soups, beef, spaghetti, tuna, chicken, ham, corned beef hash, packaged pudding)
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Dried fruits
- Snacks (crackers, cookies, hard candy, nuts)
- Snack spreads (peanut butter, cheese spreads, jelly)
- Cereals
- Raw vegetables
- Sugar, salt, pepper
- Bread
- Dry and canned pet food
- Extra formula, baby food

## HURRICANE KIT

Assemble this now. Put aside in a special box in garage. Keep heat-sensitive items inside home and rotate stock throughout season. Batteries can go in refrigerator.

- Flashlights and extra bulbs
- Battery-operated TV or Radio
- Fully charged battery-operated lanterns (don't get candles and kerosene lanterns, they are fire hazards)
- Extra batteries
- Matches
- Clock (wind-up or battery-operated)
- Plastic garbage bags
- Working fire extinguishers
- Scissors
- Toilet paper
- Clean change of clothes, rain gear, sturdy swamp boots you won't mind throwing away later
- An inexpensive rabbit-ears television antenna to use when cable goes out
- Map of the area
- List of phone numbers
- Copy of insurance policy

## HARDWARE

- Hand tools - hammer, screwdrivers to use now, shovel and pickax for after the storm
- Power screwdriver
- 4-by 8-foot sheets of plywood 3/8-inch to 1/2-inch thick to put over your windows (Make sure you ask for exterior plywood)
- 1/4-inch machine screw sockets and screws
- Plastic sheeting to cover furniture
- Rope
- Sturdy working gloves
- Duct tape to waterproof items
- Canvas tarps
- Nails - there are many kinds, so look over your home now and determine what you will need

## BABY NEEDS

- Disposable diapers
- Wipes
- Diaper-rash ointment, petroleum jelly
- Baby medicines (pain, cold, cough)
- Medicine dropper
- Extra formula, baby food

## EMERGENCY TOILET

- Small can or garbage can with tight lid
- Plastic bags for liners
- Disinfectant or bleach
- Deodorizer

## KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Manual can opener
- Bottle opener
- Matches in a plastic bag
- Pocket knife - preferably Swiss Army-style
- Camp stove or other cooking device and plenty of fuel (use canned fuel, not charcoal or gas)
- Ice chests or coolers
- Paper plates, napkins
- Plastic cups, knives, forks, spoons



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