

Every Floridian should develop a family preparedness plan well in advance of a storm threat.

Which path should you take?

Do you live in a vulnerable area?
(Mobile home, an area that floods frequently, on a barrier island or near the coast)

Have you been ordered to evacuate?

YES

NO

STAY AT HOME

EVACUATE

Did you know...?

You need to store at least a three-day supply of water for each person in your household. Stored water should be changed every six months.

More information: www.redcross.org



Did you know...?

Cell phones, pagers and laptop computers may be useful tools to find out information about your community after a storm.

www.floridadisaster.org

Did you know...?

Making your home more disaster resistant can prevent the need to evacuate and can reduce damages.

For simple and affordable tips contact: www.flash.org
1-877-221-SAFE

Did you know...?

Many public shelters do not allow pets. If you evacuate to a shelter make arrangements for your pets.

Did you know...?

When possible, evacuating within your county reduces your chance of being stranded in traffic and shortens your time to return home.

Before a storm threatens, contact your county's emergency management office for local evacuation information.

Did you know...?

Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. Do not make assumptions. Check your policy.

For information: www.fema.gov/nfip
1-888-CALL-FLOOD ext.445

After the Storm
Florida Emergency Information Line
1-800-342-3557

Arrive safely at your destination

Map out your route
Be familiar with your area's evacuation routes
Don't know where to go? **GO BACK 9 SPACES**

Fill your car with gas

Bring extra cash
Banks may be closed, ATMs may not work

Enact your pet plan

Bring important family documents
in a waterproof container

Secure your home

Bring toys, books and games
for entertainment

Bring pillows and blankets
Also bring rain gear and sturdy shoes

Notify family or friends of your plans
When you are leaving and where you are going

Have a place to go
Home of a family member or friend, motel or shelter

Assemble your disaster supply kit
(see other side)

EVACUATE

STAY AT HOME

Fill your car with gas

Get extra cash
Power outages may cause banks and ATMs to be closed

Check on your neighbors
Particularly the elderly or disabled

Use your NOAA weather radio
Stay alert to weather advisories

Secure your home
Board up windows and secure loose yard objects

Stock extra supplies
Batteries, water and canned food

Enact your pet plan

Assemble your disaster supply kit
(see other side)



FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR STAYING AT HOME DURING A HURRICANE

- Develop a family disaster plan
- Stay alert to storm advisories
WATCH and WARNING—Know the difference.
- Purchase a NOAA weather radio
- Keep a Disaster Supply Kit ready
- Have enough food and water for at least three days
- Protect valuable documents
- Make your home more disaster resistant
Prepare to board up windows and glass doors, anchor loose yard objects or bring them inside.
- Get cash
Following a hurricane, banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed.
- Fill your car with gasoline
- Have a pet plan
Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.
- Do not use candles or open flames as a light source
- Work with your neighbors
Check on elderly or those with special needs.
- As the storm hits, gather your family in a safe room (An interior room with no windows)
- Following the storm, watch out for downed power lines
- Listen to your local officials!

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FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS
**FOR EVACUATING
DURING A HURRICANE**

- **Stay alert to storm advisories**
WATCH and WARNING—know the difference.
- **Enact your family disaster plan**
- **Map out your route**
Use travel routes specified by local authorities. DO NOT get on the road without a place to go.
- **Fill your car with gasoline**
- **Evacuate if told to do so**
DO NOT get stranded, EVACUATE EARLY
- **Enact your pet plan**
Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.
- **Bring your disaster supply kit**
Including important documents.
- **Secure your home before leaving**
Board up windows and glass doors, anchor loose yard objects or bring them inside and lock your doors.
- **Get cash**
Following a hurricane banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed.
- **Notify family and friends of your plans**
- **When evacuating:**
If possible, evacuate to the home of either friends or family in a non-vulnerable area within your county. Next try a motel or hotel and as a last resort go to a shelter. Remember, shelters are not designed for comfort and do not usually accept pets.

People who require special assistance in evacuating should register with their local emergency management office.

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Disaster Supply Kit

- WATER**—at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 days
- FOOD**—at least enough for 3 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
 - food for infants or the elderly
 - snack foods
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools/fuel
 - paper plates/plastic utensils
- CLOTHING**—seasonal/ rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- BLANKETS/PILLOWS, etc.**
- FIRST AID KIT/ MEDICINES**
 - prescription and non-prescription medications
 - glasses, dentures, hearing aids, etc.
- SPECIAL ITEMS**—for babies and elderly
- TOILETRIES**—Hygiene items
- MOISTURE WIPES**
- FLASHLIGHT/ BATTERIES**
- RADIO**— Battery Operated and NOAA Weather Radio
- CASH**
- KEYS**—Extra set of home and car keys
- IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** in a waterproof container
 - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
 - Document all valuables
- TOYS/BOOKS/ ENTERTAINMENT**
- TOOLS**—Keep a set with you during the storm
- VEHICLE FUEL TANKS FILLED**
- PET CARE ITEMS**
 - proper identification/immunization records
 - ample supply of food and water
 - a carrier or cage
 - medications
 - muzzle and leash

Watch and Warning...Know the Difference

A **HURRICANE WATCH** issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated—especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

A **HURRICANE WARNING** issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

For More Information:
Florida Department of Community Affairs
<http://www.floridadisaster.org>
 Florida Emergency Information Line: 1.800.342.3557

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<http://www.fema.gov>
<http://www.fema.gov/kids>

American Red Cross
<http://www.redcross.org>

Florida Alliance for Safe Homes
 1.877.221.7233 (Toll Free)
<http://www.flash.org>

**Florida Department of Agriculture
Division of Animal Industry**
 Tips for preparing your animals for an emergency:
<http://doacs.state.fl.us/~ai/esf17.htm>

County Contact Information:
 (If this area is blank, check the Government Pages of your phone book for your county's emergency management office phone number)

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What Should You Do If A Hurricane Threatens Your Community?



There are two paths to take

