Hurricane Preparation Safety Checklist

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane. Save this checklist to help you and your family better prepare for a hurricane.



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- [ ] Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS)
- [ ] Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- [ ] Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).
- [ ] Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- [ ] Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- [ ] Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- [ ] Fill your car's gas tank.
- [ ] Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.
- [ ] Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
- [ ] Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
- [ ] Check and update your flood protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, and heavy rains. National Flood Insurance Program Web site at http://www.FloodSmart.gov.

Imporant Links:

- [ ] Red Cross Website: http://www.redcross.org
- [ ] If your community has experienced a hurricane, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site:

https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php

- [ ] If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family

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