

# Be Red Cross Ready



Get a Kit



Make a Plan



Be Informed

# A Hurricane is Coming!

**Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life and property threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds, and tornadoes.**

## What should I do?



- Listen to local news or a NOAA weather radio for updates.
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture, etc.).
- 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 and review your evacuation plan.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

## Know the difference:

**Hurricane Watch:**  
threat of hurricane conditions within 36 hours

**Hurricane Warning:**  
hurricane conditions expected within 24 hours

## What supplies do I need?



- At least 3-day supply of water – one gallon per person per day
- Food – a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight
- Battery powered or hand crank radio
- Extra batteries (flashlight, radio)
- First aid kit
- Cell phone with chargers (for home and car)
- Medications (7 day's supply) and medical items
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies
- Copies of important personal documents
- Family contact information
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra cash
- Extra set of clothing and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- Towels and bedding (blanket or sleeping bag)
- Map
- Entertainment items

## When the hurricane is over, stay informed:



- Listen to the news for the latest updates.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and 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.
- Use flashlights in the dark; do not use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage; if in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.



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