

Storm Preparedness Checklist

Gulf of Mexico hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. Taking action early and stocking up on storm prep essentials will help put your mind at ease — while helping to keep your family, pets and property safe.

Download and print your storm prep checklist to use while shopping and planning.

 Vehicle	 Important documents
<p>Act as soon as a severe weather warning is issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fill gas tank <input type="checkbox"/> Check spare tire 	<p>Secure your documents in a waterproof bag.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Photo IDs (driver's license, passports, social security cards) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal records (birth, marriage, wills) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records (prescriptions, insurance cards, healthcare providers) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial information (bank, debit and credit cards) <input type="checkbox"/> Property information (leases, mortgages, deeds, insurance, auto records) <input type="checkbox"/> Family photos and keepsakes <input type="checkbox"/> Important contact information (family, friends, work, schools, doctors) <input type="checkbox"/> Utility bills or mail (to show proof of residence)
 Water, food and medication	 Cash
<p>Ensure you have a 7-day supply for each person and pet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water per person per day <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-operated can opener <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic utensils, cups and plates <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food <input type="checkbox"/> Baby food and bottles <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly used medications <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get cash in case banks are closed or stores can't process debit and credit cards.
 Toolkit	 House
<p>Basic toolkit, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights for each family member <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof matches or lighter <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape <input type="checkbox"/> Tarp <input type="checkbox"/> Rope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plywood windows <input type="checkbox"/> Sand bags for exterior doors <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off propane tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Have an extra set of house keys <input type="checkbox"/> Bring outdoor furniture indoors <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to the radio or TV for important information <input type="checkbox"/> Fill the bathtub with water to use for flushing the toilet <input type="checkbox"/> Fill coolers with ice
 Communication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Charge your phone <input type="checkbox"/> Make & distribute a family emergency plan <input type="checkbox"/> Battery powered or hand-cranked AM/FM radio or NOAA Weather radio <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle 	



Emergency "go" bag

- Backup medication (at a 7-day supply)
- Glasses, contact lenses and eye care items
- Important documents bag
- Clothes
- Food and water
- First aid kit
- Cash
- Phone and charger
- Keepsakes



Personal hygiene and clothing

- Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Disinfectant wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags
- Rain gear
- Change of clothes and sturdy shoes



Evacuation kit

- Plan for a place to stay
- Plan and familiarize yourself with different evacuation routes
- Notify family and friends
- Road map
- Food and water
- Baby food and bottles
- Pet supplies
- Sleeping bag
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Blankets and pillows
- Car charger
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Waterproof matches or lighter
- Whistle
- Book, games and toys