



Hurricane Safety Checklist

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause serious hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds, and tornadoes. Hurricanes can be life-threatening. Hurricanes and typhoons are the same type of storm, the name simply changes based on where they occur. Learn what to do to keep your loved ones safe!



✓ Before a Hurricane

- Discuss Hurricanes and your plan of action with family and children ahead of time. This will reduce fear at the time of event, especially for younger children.
- Listen to local area radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- Be prepared to evacuate quickly and know your routes and destinations.
- Find a local emergency shelter.
- Check your emergency kit and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications or other medical supplies. Keep it nearby.
- **If there is still time...**
- Fill plastic bottles with clean drinking water.
- Fill bathtubs and sinks with water for flushing or clothing.
- Fill your gas tank in your car, in case of an evacuation notice.

✓ During a Hurricane

- **Inside**
- Stay indoors.
- Use flashlights in the dark if the power goes out. **DO NOT** use candles.
- Continue listening to local area radio, TV stations, or Twitter for the latest information and updates.
- Avoid contact with contaminated floodwater.
- Turn off the power and water mains if instructed to do so by local authorities.
- **Outside**
- Don't walk, swim, or drive through floodwater. Two feet will float a car and 6 inches can knock you off your feet.
- If caught on a flooded road with rapid rising waters, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground.
- Don't allow children to play in or near flood water.
- Stay out of areas subject to flooding, such as: underpasses, dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.

✓ After a Hurricane

- Let friends and family know you are safe.
- If you have been evacuated, return only when authorities say it is safe for you to do so.
- Continue listening to the local news and radio for updated information.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding.

Hurricane Safety Tips:

- Have Emergency Plan
- Stock-up on Supplies
- Out of Town Contact
- Follow Emergency Instructions
- Have an Evacuation Route
- Protect Important Documents

HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

Take these steps to prepare yourself, and your loved ones from dangerous weather.

- Have An Emergency Plan**
Create an emergency plan and review it with everyone in your home. Make sure everyone knows the safest location in the home.
- Stack Up On Supplies**
Be sure to have the proper necessities such as: water, blankets, first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, radios, and any pet care items.
- Out-Of-Town Contact**
Make sure to have an out-of-state friend or family member as a contact, so they can check on your whereabouts.
- Follow Emergency Instructions**
Follow all instructions from authorities regarding evacuation or other safety protocols. Check radio, television or other media outlets for emergency information.
- Have an Evacuation Route**
Make sure you know your evacuation route before the hurricane hits and keep a full tank of gas.
- Protect Important Documents**
Make sure important documents such as ID cards and other vital information are placed in a secured, water-proof container.

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