



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS — KIT



Having the proper supplies on hand is essential to staying prepared during hurricane season, which runs from June 1st through the end of November. Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case of evacuation.

## RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR A BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

- Water** (1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food** (at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and NOAA Weather Radio** (with tone alert and extra batteries for both)
- Flashlight and extra batteries**
- First aid kit**
- Prescription medications** (at least a 7-day supply)
- Glasses**
- Whistle** (to signal for help)
- Multi-purpose tool** (like a Swiss Army knife)
- Dust mask** (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape** (to shelter-in-place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties** (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers** (to turn off utilities)
- Can opener for food** (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps**
- Cell phone** (with chargers, inverter or solar charger)
- Extra cash** (ATMs might be inoperable)
- Extra fuel** (for generator and car)

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER ADDING TO A BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

- Infant formula and diapers**
- Pet food, leashes, crates, and medications**
- Important family documents** (such as copies of insurance policies, identification, emergency contact information, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container)
- Emergency reference material** (such as a first aid book)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket** (for each person)
- Complete change of clothing** (including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes)
- Compact and portable dinnerware** (camping mess kit or disposable plates, cups, utensils, and paper towels)
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper** (When diluted 9 parts water to 1 part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.)
- Fire extinguisher**
- Matches** (in a waterproof container)
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items**
- Paper and pencil**
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children**

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