



## Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

If you live near a hurricane-prone coast, it's always a good idea to keep a hurricane kit stocked and ready to go when the next storm hits. This list will make it easy to gather your supplies and prepare ahead of time.

### Essentials

- First Aid Kit:** Band-aids, bandages, bleach and a medicine dropper (to create disinfectant – 6 drops of bleach for every one gallon of water), antibiotic ointment, hand sanitizer, over-the-counter and prescription medications, and infant health products.
- Water:** You'll need one gallon per person per day. If possible, fill a bathtub so you'll have access to non-potable water for washing dishes and filling toilets.
- Flashlight:** Make sure to pack one fully-charged flashlight per family member and stock up on batteries.
- Basic Tool Kit:** Hammer, nails, screws, screwdriver, pliers, and knife.
- Sanitation Products:** You'll want to have a generous supply of toilet paper, moist towelettes, paper towels, and garbage bags on hand.

### Food

Choose non-perishable items that require no refrigeration and little preparation – enough to feed your family for at least five days.

- Dry cereal
- Canned goods (fruit, vegetables, soups, juice, meats, pasta, beans)
- Nuts
- Peanut butter
- Granola and energy bars
- Oatmeal
- Bread
- Rice and pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Basic seasonings
- Pet food
- Baby food and bottles

### Miscellaneous

- Rain gear
- Plastic tarps
- Rope
- Duct tape
- Aluminum foil
- Grill, charcoal, lighter, and lighter fluid
- Strike-anywhere matches
- Mosquito repellent
- Cash
- Manual can opener
- Large waterproof bags for storing important documents
- AT LEAST one fully charged cell phone and charger
- Paper plates and cups
- Plastic utensils
- Pet supplies (leash, collar, food bowls, carrier)