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HURRICANE PREPARATION

Make sure to plan your evacuation route ahead of time and determine where you will stay. Give your local emergency management office to ask for the community hurricane preparedness plan. You can also receive this information on your local Hurricane Preparedness website for your community.

Supplies to have on hand to prepare for a storm

- Flashlights/lanterns and extra batteries for each
- Battery operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-perishable foods
- Coolers/ice packs
- One gallon of water per person or enough for 3+ days
- Can opener (manual)
- Medications – make sure you have enough for at least 1 week
- Baby supplies (diapers, formula, baby food)
- Cell phone and charging cords – charge all electronics and charging/battery sticks
- Pet supplies (food, bowls, leash, collar, license/tags)

Additional Items In the Event of Evacuation

- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, bite guards, deodorant, shampoo, soap etc
- Important phone numbers, paperwork, cash and valuables in waterproof container/bag
- Entertainment items: Books/magazines, puzzles, ipads, video games, board games (preferably items not needing power)
- Clothing – check weather for the area where you are going
- Linens/bedding

Securing Your Home

Know how to secure your home in the event of damaging winds, storm surge and flooding.

- Trim all overhanging branches from roof line
- Remove dead branches/limbs from trees and bushes
- Clean all gutters and downspouts
- Inspect windows and doors for any gaps or cracks and repair if needed to prevent water intrusion (seal with caulk)
- Check all self-closing shutters
- Check all manual hurricane shutters for hardware and complete sets
- Pool deck drains should be cleared of any debris

**This is not an all-inclusive list, only an outline for things you may need

**Some of the items are if you are not going to a hotel ie taking camper

Give Mermaid Home Watch a call and we can schedule an appointment to do a “dry run” to work with you to ensure all electric and accordion shutters are working properly and you have all of the keys necessary for accordion/manual shutters

We can also perform Pre- and Post Hurricane Inspections

For a more inclusive list, go to:

<https://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide/>

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