

# BEFORE A HURRICANE Checklist

## PERSONAL PREPARATION

Having an emergency kit or go-bag is an essential preparation for hurricanes. Pre-packaged kits are available or you have the option of building your own.

### EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS:

- 3-day water supply
- 3-day food supply
- Mess kit including dishes, fork, spoon, and knife
- First-aid kit and supplies
- Essential medications
- Radio for updated weather & emergency evacuation information
- LED Headlamp battery, flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Tools: multi-function tool, pocket knife, shovel/trowel, sewing kit, 50 foot nylon rope, and leather gloves
- Change of clothes with socks and sturdy shoes
- Waterproof/windproof matches and fire starting items
- Tent/shelter
- Rain poncho
- Emergency bag /blanket
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Personal sanitary items
- Toilet paper
- Sanitation/baby wipes/soap
- Whistle with lanyard
- Cell phone charger
- Cash
- Backpack
- Copies of important documents

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Baby items if needed
- Pet items if needed
- Stress relievers: (reading material, puzzles, games, drawing pad, etc.)
- Pen & small notepad
- Photos of family members, friends, and neighbors in case of separation
- Photos of home and property for insurance purposes
- Copies of personal documents
- Lightweight portable stove
- Water purification tablets
- Water filter
- Sanitary and hygiene items
- Emergency tape
- Emergency auto kit

## PROPERTY PREPARATION

Doing basic maintenance and having necessary items will reduce the damage of your home in the event of a hurricane. Insurance is also a great protective measure that is available to you.

- Flood insurance
- Have the equipment needed to secure property in the home such as bungee cords and rope
- Identify potential hazardous areas which will cause the most damage and take preventative measures
- Have boards for covering windows
- Keep trees & shrubs trimmed
- Know how to reinforce garage doors and have the necessary equipment to do so
- Keep rain gutters clear
- Know how to turn off utilities

## EVACUATION PREPARATION

Having evacuation plans in place and on hand will provide calmness before a disaster.

- Plan emergency evacuation routes and safe meeting destinations
- Family communications plan
- Emergency contact list including family, friends, local authorities & hospitals
- For pet owners: identify shelters that will house your pet during the event