

Check List for Hurricane Preparedness 2019

Be sure to check one or more of the hurricane brochures for in-depth details, but below are some things to have on hand, some of which you will want to take with you in a vehicle should you evacuate:

Food Service Supplies to Have on Hand in the Event of a Hurricane:

- Drinking Water: 1 gallon/person per day for 3-7 days. (For home use, you may consider purchasing a "WaterBOB," which is a bladder for the bathtub that holds water without the need to purchase the individual gallons of water. It is still advisable to have some gallons available to take with you during an evacuation.)
- Non-perishable food for a 3-7 day supply. (Best if can be used without cooking)
- Manual can opener
- Juice/soft drinks/instant coffee or tea
- Plastic wrap/zip-lock bags/garbage bags
- Paper plates, cups, aluminum foil
- Cooler for food storage and ice
- Lighter/matches, pots/pans (keep matches in a waterproof container)
- Camp stove or grill—outdoor use only!

Personal Items

- Sleeping bags, pillows, blankets
- Lawn chairs, folding chairs, cots
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, deodorant, denture/dental care, etc.)
- List of emergency contact information
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter meds
- Spare glasses, sunglasses, contacts, cleaning solution
- Extra hearing aid batteries (if applicable)
- Baby/infant needs (if applicable)
- Pet and service animal needs (if applicable)
- Rain gear, hot and cold weather clothing
- Closed-toe work shoes (not just sandals)
- (If evacuating, take several changes of clothes per person)
- Extra cash**

Sanitation/Clean-up Supplies to Have on Hand"

- Water for cleaning—could be water drawn in a bathtub
- Unscented bleach to disinfect water
- Rubber gloves
- Wet wipes and waterless hand sanitizers
- Toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary supplies
- Assorted cleaners and disinfectants
- Brooms, mops, towels, and rags
- Bucket with tight fitting lid for emergency toilet or portable toilet

Basic Tools:

- Hammer, wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, large scissors
- Specialized tools for water and gas valves, etc.
- Plastic tarps with grommets or roll plastic sheeting
- Assorted screws, nails or other fasteners
- Duct tape
- Canvas and/or leather work gloves
- (If applicable) Hand-crank for electric hurricane shutters)

Basic Safety Equipment:

- NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert (with crank or extra batteries) (easily purchased for \$20-\$40)
- First-aid kit and instruction book
- A landline telephone can help (does not require batteries or electricity)
- Battery powered television, radio, clock (cell phone apps can work for this)
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Chemical light sticks (to replace candles)
- Whistle (to signal for help if needed)

Keep the Following Items in a Convenient Place (especially in the event of an evacuation)

- Cell phone(s)
- Phone Directory of Cape Royal Community
- Directory of Emergency Numbers
- Spare keys (home, vehicles, boats, etc.)
- Important papers
- ID (driver's license, insurance cards, passports, birth certificates, etc.) (in an air-tight waterproof container)
- Cash, credit cards, coins, checks
- Prepaid telephone cards if you don't have cell phone(s)
- Pens, pencils, and paper
- Maps and evacuation information
- Keepsakes, significant photos, etc.
- Books, Kindles, games and other quiet entertainment
- Medical equipment
- Cooler with ability to quickly add ice packs for medicines, food, etc.
- Medical alert tags
- First aid kit

Housing Your Vehicles Not Used for Evacuation:

There are several methods to greater protect any of your vehicles that you are not using for an evacuation. It is advisable to reinforce your garage doors (especially double doors) with a reinforcement kit that is available from some home improvement stores and on-line. This could allow you to more confidently leave your vehicles in your garage, though these do not address a surge/flooding. A second alternative is to leave the vehicle(s) in a parking garage.

Other:

Have unscented household bleach on hand to purify drinking water. Be sure that it is “Regular”—that is, *not* scented, *not* color safe, nor bleaches with added cleaners. Acquire a medicine dropper for use when treating possible tainted water for drinking. (16 drops bleach to 1 gallon water, if you have to treat for drinking water)

Be sure to photograph all rooms in your house, as well as any furniture, equipment or valuables that you may need for insurance purposes after a hurricane, and keep those photos backed up in a safe location.

Be sure to read the Hurricane Preparedness kits and brochures for more complete information. (The lists above are just a quick reference guide to initially assist you.)

REMEMBER...AFTER A HURRICANE:

- Routine services will be limited
- Roads will be impassable
- Power may be off for a considerable time
- Drinking water may be limited
- Septic systems may not function
- Cell phone infrastructure may be down

KEY PHONE NUMBERS IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE:

Lee County Emergency Operations Center: 239-533-0622

State of Florida Emergency Info 24-Hour Hotline: 800-342-3557

**Red Cross Food, Shelter, and Financial Assistance: 866-438-4636;
local chapter emergency number is 239-278-3401**

Lee Country Public Safety and EMS: 911

Traffic Conditions in Florida: 511