

HURRICANE DISASTER & FLOODING PREPAREDNESS



WHILE ALL IS CALM

Prepare now, as follows, to comfortably pace yourself and perhaps find needed items on sale!

- **Prepare an emergency supply kit, to include:**
 - One gallon of drinking water per person per day
 - Iodine tablets or one quart of unscented bleach (for disinfecting water if advised by health officials) and an eyedropper (for adding bleach to water)
 - Non-perishable, ready-to-eat canned foods, a manual can opener, and disposable bowls, cups, and cutlery
 - First-aid kit, medications, and prescriptions
 - Fire extinguisher, candles, and matches
 - Phone that does not rely on electricity
 - Portable cooler with ice
 - Plastic garbage bags
 - Plywood or other shuttering material for windows
 - Pet supplies
 - A solar generator
 - For assistance with special needs, register at [Special Needs - Pinellas County](#).
- **Pack a Go Bag that includes:**
 - Copies of important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, birth certificates, deeds, photo IDs, proof of address, etc.)
 - Emergency contact and meeting place information for your household and a small regional map
 - Credit and ATM cards, and cash, especially in small denominations
 - Extra set of car and house keys

- Flashlight, whistle, emergency radio, and batteries
- Cell phone charger(s) including one that can be used without electricity, such as a car charger, and an extra cell phone battery
- Bottled water and non-perishable foods, plus food for any pets
- Medication for at least one week and other essential personal items. Keep a list of any medications and dosages for each member of your household, or copies of all your prescription slips, as well as your doctor's contact information
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes, lightweight rain gear, and a mylar blanket
- Childcare supplies or other special care items
- Personal items such as soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- A home inventory with photos of your home and personal property.
- A roadside emergency kit to keep in the car

BEFORE THE STORM

- Bring inside law furniture, plants, and other loose items.
- Shutter and lock windows and sliding doors.
- Fill your car's gas tank, or if an electric vehicle, charge the battery.
- Refill prescriptions and grab extra cash from ATMs.
- Park your car in an elevated area (if flooding is likely); otherwise, park in a garage or next to a building to protect it from wind and flying debris.
- Charge your cellphone and other electronics.
- Fill sinks, tubs, and other containers with water for cleaning and washing.
- Protect and store family valuables, like photos, medical records, etc., in waterproof containers.
- If planning to possibly go to a shelter, have ready a sleeping bag, blanket, pillows, and any medical equipment.
- If you are away, but others are in your unit, please call Dan or Jim to let them know.

AS THE STORM APPROACHES

- Stay informed via local media. (Download [Spectrum TV App: Stream TV Live or On-Demand](#) to our laptop or cell phone)
- If instructed to evacuate Zone A:
 - Find local emergency shelters, road closures, etc. at disaster.pinellas.gov.
 - Turn off the main switch for your unit's electricity.
 - Tell friends/relatives/neighbors where you are going.

- Take your Go Bag and leave. (Do not use the elevator.)

DURING THE STORM

- Stay inside where safe and stay informed via local media.
- Avoid using your cell phone, so there's power in case of emergency.
- Stay away from windows and exterior doors.

AFTER THE STORM

- Stay away until emergency personnel announce our area is safe.
- As power may not be available, be prepared to use the stairway.
- Check your unit and your car for any damages. Take photos wherever damage is found.
- Text or otherwise inform others that you're okay.
- Dry and disinfect any materials found wet to prevent mold and mildew.
- Be on alert for extended rainfall, subsequent flooding, downed power lines and tree limbs, snakes and alligators.

As important safety updates may have since become available, do consult these online resources:

- [Ready.Gov: www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business)
- [OSHA: www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation)
- [Red Cross: www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- [NOAA: www.noaa.gov/weather](http://www.noaa.gov/weather)
- [FEMA: www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- [National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- [Natural Disaster Survival 101: Key Strategies for Safety and Preparedness - Survival World](#)

If, after the storm, you need help with **disaster recovery**, call 211 or visit www.211.org.

