

Florida Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

A printable supply kit and prep timeline. Check items off as you gather them, or as each stage is complete. Full guide: domuncula.com/florida-hurricane-preparedness-guide/

SUPPLY KIT

Water & Food

- ☐ Water: 1 gallon per person, per pet, per day, for at least 7 days
- ☐ Non-perishable food for at least 7 days (no cooking or refrigeration required)
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils

Power, Light & Communication

- ☐ Flashlights, one per household member, plus extra batteries
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA weather radio
- ☐ Portable phone chargers / power banks, fully charged
- ☐ Generator (if owned), tested in advance, with fuel stored safely outside the home
- ☐ Extra fuel in approved, sealed containers, stored safely away from the home
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detector with working batteries

Medical & Safety

- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ At least a 2-week supply of prescription medications
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ N95 or similar dust masks
- ☐ Whistle (to signal for help if trapped)

Documents & Money

- ☐ Copies of ID, insurance policies, and property deeds in a waterproof container
- ☐ Cash in small bills (card readers and ATMs may be down after the storm)
- ☐ Recent photos or video of every room of the home, stored off-device (cloud or email)

Pets

- ☐ Pet food and water for at least 7 days
- ☐ Carrier, leash, and current ID tags
- ☐ Any pet medications

Sanitation & Comfort

- ☐ Moist towelettes and hand sanitizer
- ☐ Heavy-duty garbage bags and ties
- ☐ Bathtub filled with water before the storm (for flushing/cleaning, not drinking)

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Prep Timeline: before, during, and after

BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON (JUNE 1)

- ☐ Confirm homeowners and flood insurance are both active and cover wind and water damage
- ☐ Test hurricane shutters or confirm impact windows are undamaged and operable
- ☐ Test the generator, if owned, and confirm you know how to use it safely outdoors
- ☐ Sign up for your county's emergency alert system (in addition to Wireless Emergency Alerts, which arrive automatically)
- ☐ Know your evacuation zone letter and your household's stay-or-go plan

STORM IN THE FORECAST (5-7 DAYS OUT)

- ☐ Fill vehicle gas tanks
- ☐ Review your specific evacuation zone status for the storm's projected path
- ☐ Confirm your household's communication plan (a designated out-of-state contact is useful if local lines are jammed)
- ☐ Restock any expired supplies from the kit above

72 HOURS BEFORE

- ☐ Buy any remaining perishables and supplies before shelves empty
- ☐ Buy extra fuel in approved, sealed containers; store away from the home, out of direct sun and away from any heat source
- ☐ Plan for securing or bringing in outdoor furniture and decor
- ☐ Charge all devices and power banks

48 HOURS BEFORE

- ☐ Fill any needed prescriptions
- ☐ Withdraw some cash
- ☐ Fuel the generator and store fuel safely, away from the home
- ☐ Make a final evacuate-or-stay decision based on your zone and the current forecast

24 HOURS BEFORE

- ☐ Secure or install shutters/plywood; trim or move anything that could become a projectile
- ☐ Fully charge every phone, power bank, and device
- ☐ Fill the bathtub with water
- ☐ Bring pets and pet supplies inside

DURING THE STORM

- ☐ Stay in an interior room away from windows and glass doors
- ☐ Do not go outside during a lull or the eye of the storm
- ☐ Never run a generator indoors, in a garage, or in an enclosed space
- ☐ Shut off electricity at the breaker if safe to do so and flooding begins indoors

AFTER THE STORM

- ☐ Assume every downed line and every piece of exposed wiring is live
- ☐ Keep generators at least 20 feet from the home, exhaust pointed away from windows and doors
- ☐ Photograph and video all damage before starting any cleanup
- ☐ Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as long as possible
- ☐ Watch for price gouging on lodging, generators, and building materials; report it to the Florida Attorney General's office

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