

**Buy supplies early to prepare for the storm.
When the storm threatens, lines will be long
and supplies short.**

FOOD SUPPLIES

Get enough nonperishable foods now for two weeks. Then put them in a box and leave them alone
Don't buy foods that are salty or dry or high in fat or protein; they'll make you thirsty.

- _ Water: 2 quarts to 1 gallon per person (get a week's supply)
- _ Ice
- _ Shelf-package juice and milk boxes
- _ Canned and powdered milk
- _ Beverages (powdered or canned, fruit juices, instant coffee, tea)
- _ Prepared foods (canned soups, beef, spaghetti, tuna, chicken, ham, corned beef hash, packaged pudding)
- _ Canned vegetables and fruits
- _ Dried fruits
- _ Snacks (crackers, cookies, hard candy, nuts)
- _ Snack spreads (peanut butter, cheese spreads, jelly)
- _ Cereals
- _ Raw vegetables
- _ Sugar, salt, pepper
- _ Bread
- _ Dry and canned pet food
- _ Extra formula, baby food

HARDWARE

- _ Hand tools - hammer, screwdrivers to use now, shovel and pickax for after the storm
- _ Power screwdriver
- _ 4-by 8-foot sheets of plywood 3/8-inch to 1/2-inch thick to put over your windows.
 Make sure you ask for exterior plywood.
- _ 1/4-inch machine screw sockets and screws
- _ Plastic sheeting to cover furniture
- _ Rope
- _ Sturdy working gloves
- _ Duct tape to waterproof items. Masking tape isn't strong enough
- _ Canvas tarps
- _ Nails. There are many kinds, so look over your home now and determine what you will need. A nail too small, the wrong shape or hammered in wrong will fail, and that will give the storm the breach it needs to get into your home.

HURRICANE KIT

**Assemble this now. Put aside in a special box in garage.
Keep heat-sensitive items inside home and rotate stock
throughout season.**

Batteries can go in refrigerator.

- _ Flashlights and extra bulbs
- _ **Battery-operated TV or Radio**
- _ Fully charged battery-operated lanterns. Don't get candles and kerosene lanterns. They are fire hazards.
- _ Extra batteries
- _ Matches
- _ Clock (wind-up or battery- operated)
- _ Plastic garbage bags
- _ Working fire extinguishers
- _ Scissors
- _ Toilet paper
- _ Clean change of clothes, rain gear, sturdy swamp boots you won't mind throwing away later.
- _ **An inexpensive rabbit-ears television antenna to use when cable goes out**
- _ Map of the area
- _ List of phone numbers
- _ Copy of insurance policy

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- _ Manual can opener
- _ Bottle opener
- _ Matches in a plastic bag
- _ Pocket knife - preferably Swiss Army-style
- _ Camp stove or other cooking device and plenty of fuel.
Use canned fuel, not charcoal or gas
- _ Ice chests or coolers
- _ Paper plates, napkins
- _ Plastic cups, knives, forks, spoons

BABY NEEDS

- _ Disposable diapers
- _ Wipes
- _ Diaper-rash ointment, petroleum jelly
- _ Baby medicines (pain, cold, cough)
- _ Medicine dropper
- _ Extra formula, baby food

EMERGENCY TOILET

- _ Small can or garbage can with tight lid
- _ Plastic bags for liners
- _ Disinfectant or bleach
- _ Deodorizer

MEDICAL NEEDS

Drugstores will be mobbed just before a storm and closed for days after.

Keep a 2-week supply of prescription drugs.

- _ Medic Alert tags
- _ Insect repellent sprays and candles
- _ Feminine hygiene items
- _ Insect bite lotion
- _ Sunscreen
- _ Soap
- _ First-aid kit
- _ First-aid handbook
- _ Extra over-the-counter medicine (for colds, allergies)
- _ Children's medicines
- _ Aspirin
- _ Diarrhea medication
- _ Bandages
- _ Adhesive tape
- _ Cotton-tipped swabs
- _ Antiseptic solution
- _ Sterile rolls, bandages
- _ Tweezers
- _ Needles
- _ Disinfectant
- _ Plastic bags, jugs or containers to store water and ice.
- _ Water purification tablets
- _ Plastic to line bathtub