



# General Storm Prep

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Below is a suggested home storm checklist. Each home / business owner should create a customize storm prep plan. This list is intended to get you started and should not be considered a complete list.

## Preparation before the 7-Day Prep Window

- Be sure that propane tank(s) are filled.
- Prepare and test run portable gas generator (if available).
- Fill gasoline containers for generator operation.
- Confirm all storm management supplies are available and accessible.
- Prepare an evacuation plan.
- Pack an Emergency Kit (shelter in place) or a “go” bag (evacuation). (see checklist on page 2).
- Pre-book hotel reservations if evacuation plan is imminent

## Preparation within the 7-Day Prep Window

- Move everything indoors that you can. Turn outdoor table upside down.
- Tie down sheds, storage units, trash containers, etc.
- Secure yard hanging plants and spinners (best to bring inside if you can)
- Secure garden vegetable plants
- Bring inside any landscape lights, speakers, cameras, equipment covers, power supplies, etc. that you can
- Remove outdoor hose(s)
- Position generator and feeder extensions for possible use
- Tie together front shrubs (to each other, utility pole, etc.)
- Charge all devices and battery power packs
- Identify all evacuation items
- Charge and have ready flashlights, lanterns, etc.
- Agree on evacuation go/no go
- Setup garage sump pump and discharge
- Position any tools, shop vac, spare pump, etc. for managing water entry
- Install lanai barriers that do not impact ingress/egress
- Check all windows - closed are locked
- Fill vehicle gas tanks
- Take down and bring indoors patio umbrella
- Empty fire pit
- Bring indoors - pool pumps
- Set out or pre-position any supplies (sandbags, plastic, tape, barriers, pump, etc.)
- Remove screens on sliders, doors, windows
- Bring in any outdoor stored chemicals
- Prepare food, bedding and toys for pets
- Elevate furniture or place plastic garbage bags around furniture legs and tie
- Position in garage - towels, extension cords, push brooms, buckets, gloves, crocs, lanterns, flashlights, etc.
- Stock up on basic non-perishable foods - canned foods, water, pasta, sauces
- Move cabinet contents higher
- Assemble flashlights, electronic devices and backup batteries

## **Day Before and Day of the Storm**

### **[ ] Watch Storm Progression**

- [ ] Seal outdoor dryer vent against water entry
- [ ] Raise final use furniture
- [ ] Close and/or seal first floor drains, shower/tub, toilet, washer discharge
- [ ] Plug toilets with plumbers ball (except one if sheltering in place)
- [ ] Install garage barriers
- [ ] All devices and lighting (lanterns) charged
- [ ] Portable generator battery charged
- [ ] Have a plan for relocation of car(s)
- [ ] Caulk, seal garage to kitchen entry door
- [ ] Run electric extensions
- [ ] Turn off ALL breakers for outdoor receptacles and equipment
- [ ] Lower fridge and freezer temps 3-5 degrees
- [ ] Disconnect power to electronic devices (in case of electrical surges)

### **Decision Made to Evacuate**

- [ ] Turn off water to the house
- [ ] Turn off gas to the house
- [ ] Turn off AC units
- [ ] Lock garage door
- [ ] Have a 'manual' re-entry key

### **Emergency Kit / Grab and Go Bag Supply List**

Put supplies in plastic bins or duffel bags and store in an easy to access area of your home.

- [ ] Non-perishable food: minimum three-day to one-week supply, with a manual can opener
- [ ] Read to eat food (trail mix)
- [ ] Water – 1 gallon per person, per day for drinking and sanitation
- [ ] Phone charger, power bank or inverter
- [ ] Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- [ ] Battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight
- [ ] Extra batteries
- [ ] First-aid kit and personal medications / prescriptions
- [ ] Personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses
- [ ] Copy of your emergency plan
- [ ] Copies of important documents, such as insurance papers and identification
- [ ] Cash in small bills
- [ ] Garbage bags and moist towelettes for personal sanitation
- [ ] Seasonal clothing, sturdy footwear and emergency blanket
- [ ] Dust masks
- [ ] Whistle
- [ ] Help/OK Sign to display the appropriate side outward in your window during a disaster
- [ ] Pet supplies – food, dishes, water, toys
- [ ] Local map with your family meeting place identified
- [ ] Emergency phone numbers (family, friends, doctor, etc.)
- [ ] Pen and notepad