

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

A Florida Native's Guide

Before the Season Starts (Do Now)

- Book refundable hotel reservations if you may evacuate.
- Locate/scan insurance docs, birth certificates, and IDs.
- Purchase and prep a "Bug Out" plastic storage bin.
- Check garage for camping gear (stove, lanterns, coffee maker).
- Purchase essential gear: Hand Crank Radio, Solar Charger, Manual Can Opener.

The Bug Out Box (Essentials)

- Important papers (sealed in zip-lock bags).
- Electronics in zip-lock bags.
- Photos/Flash drive of belongings for insurance.
- Medications (fill extras, include birth control).
- Vet records and pet supplies.
- Family mementos.
- Food and water for at least one week.
- Clothes for one week (people and pets).

Right Before the Storm

- Fill all water containers and freeze them.
- Fill bathtubs with water for flushing/cooking.
- Withdraw cash (ATMs will not work).
- Update phone contacts (Insurance, Hospitals, Shelters).
- Bring all outdoor items inside (grills, plants, furniture).
- Park cars in garage.
- Tape windows (packing or duct tape).
- Bucket of water next to each toilet for manual flushing.
- Freeze coin-cup to monitor freezer temperature.
- Final laundry and dishes.