

Disaster Preparedness Checklist

General Preparedness

Secure your roof:

- Ensure roof is securely fixed to walls
- Ensure that galvanized sheets are in good order & securely fastened
- Seal spaces between roof & supports

Secure windows & doors:

- Ensure that fasteners for windows & doors are in order
- Prepare wooden shutters
- Secure foundation & frames of wooden houses:
- Ensure that wooden frames are securely fastened to stone foundations
- Check for termites & protect houses against them

Insurance:

- List valuables, personal items etc
- Take photos of inside & outside of home
- Review requirements for submitting claims
- Maintenance of trees
- Prepare bags, nails, hammers, saws, wires, rope, pliers
- Secure limber
- Secure insurance policies, valuables, personal items
- Have adequate storage facilities for drinking water
- Have emergency cooking facility
- Secure non-perishable food supply
- Prepare hurricane supplies: water boots, raincoats, flashlights, batteries, battery-powered radio, kerosene lantern, candles, matches, and first-aid kit.

Warning

- Listen to radio advisories
- Secure food supply
- Secure hurricane supplies
- Secure clothing kit
- Collect drinking water
- Secure medication
- Have emergency money
- Check car battery; fill gas tank
- Pick all fruits
- Secure loose outdoor items
- Dismantle antennae
- Remove hanging articles from walls

- Take pets indoors
- Turn off gas & electricity
- Secure windows & doors
- Offer assistance to others

Survival Kit

- Non-perishable food
- Manual can opener
- Water (Half gallon per person per day)
- Utensils for eating & cooking
- Toiletries
- Medication
- Radio & batteries
- Bedding
- Change of clothing
- First aid kit
- Lighting
- Batteries
- Matches
- No alcohol or weapons

During a Hurricane

- Remain indoors & listen to advisories
- Keep children inside
- Be calm
- Keep doors & windows closed
- Don't go outside during eye

Post Hurricane

- Avoid disaster areas
- Do not wade through flood waters
- Seek medical aid at first aid station
- Check house for damage; beware electrical wiring
- Do not misuse telephone
- Contact insurance; take photographs
- Boil drinking water & use it sparingly
- Check refrigerated food stores
- Report broken sewer or water mains
- REPORT FOR DUTY

Home Preparedness – Have a plan of action for home

- Know hazards of the community
- Discuss family disaster plan with family
- Have a list of emergency numbers
- Teach children how & when to call for help
- Have an evacuation plan
- Have a plan for animals
- Know your first aid post
- Know your hurricane shelters