

# Hurricane season is here. Are you ready?

## PREPARE YOUR HOME TO WEATHER THE STORM.

MDOT recommends you make plans, take action and gather the materials needed to secure your property.

### EMERGENCY HOME READINESS CHECKLIST

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- Be prepared to cover all of your home's windows by installing permanent storm shutters or plan to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install.  
Note: Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Reduce roof damage by installing straps or additional clips to fasten your roof to the frame structure.
- Trim trees and shrubs so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce your garage doors with a counterbalancing kit.
- If you have a boat, determine how and where to secure it.

### IF A HURRICANE IS COMING

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- Shut off utilities and propane tanks.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and leave the doors closed.
- Fill a tub with water.
- Unplug appliances and electronics.
- Listen closely to advice from local and state emergency officials.
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Fuel and service vehicles.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the impacted area of your evacuation plans.
- Stay with friends, relatives or at an inland hotel or, as a last resort, go to a designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- Leave mobile homes in any case.



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## PACK YOUR HURRICANE SURVIVAL KIT NOW.

Two-thirds of hurricanes that have hit land struck the Gulf Coast. It's not a matter of if you're going to need it, but when.

MDOT recommends you include these items in your survival kit. Get it all together now and keep it all together in one safe place.

## HURRICANE EMERGENCY CHECKLIST



### WATER

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- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day for 14 days)
- Water for cooking and hygiene (one gallon per person per day)
- Water for pets



### FOOD

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- Non-perishable packaged or canned food to last 14 days
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed juice and milk
- Powdered coffee or tea
- Bread, crackers and cookies
- Special food for babies and the elderly
- Trail mix
- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Granola bars



### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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- Cooler for ice and food storage
- Flashlights with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Car charger for cell phones
- Grill with extra propane, charcoal or Sterno
- Waterproof matches
- Disposable plates, bowls, cups and utensils
- Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper
- Water purification tablets
- Outdoor extension cords
- Important family documents and photos
- Waterproof container for important documents
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Maps
- Emergency generator
- Blanket
- Towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Work gloves
- Duct tape
- Multi-tool
- Waterproof tarps
- Plastic sheeting
- Rope
- Basic tool kit
- Moist towelettes
- Extra cash
- Bicycle helmet
- Plastic garbage bags



### HEALTH ESSENTIALS

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- Two week supply of prescription drugs
- Two week supply of vitamins
- Over the counter pain reliever
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Diapers



### FOR YOUR PETS

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- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Medications
- Documentation and license
- Crate or pet carrier
- Collar and leash