

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS ([HTTPS://WWW.RICKSCOTT.SENATE.GOV/HURRICANE- PREPAREDNESS](https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/hurricane-preparedness))

Before a storm

- Prepare an evacuation plan & make sure everyone in your home knows the plan.
 - Stock up on emergency supplies, including:
 - **Water** – You will need water for drinking, cooking and sanitation purposes. Pack a minimum of 1 gallon daily per person for 7 days
 - **Food** – You will need enough food for a minimum of 7 days:
 - Non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices
 - Manual can opener
 - Foods for individuals with dietary restrictions (i.e. infants, elderly, etc.)
 - Snack foods
 - Cooking tools and fuel
 - Paper plates and plastic utensils
 - **Flashlight and Extra Batteries**
 - **Pillows, Blankets and/or Sleeping Bags**
 - **Clothing** – Include a complete change of clothes suitable for your area's climate. Be sure to include sturdy shoes to protect you from debris or other sharp objects you may encounter outdoors post-storm
 - **First Aid Kit, Prescription Medication and Other Medicines**
 - **Radio** – Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
 - **Toiletries**
 - **Cleaning Supplies** – Include garbage bags, moisture wipes and other items you may need to sanitize your home or surrounding post-disaster
 - **Special Items** – Assess all family members needs. Consider other items needed for infants, elderly and individuals with access and functional needs (i.e. medical items, baby bottles, etc.)
 - **Cash** – Banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods following a disaster
 - **Toys, Books and Games**
 - **Important Documents** – Consider storing all critical documents in a waterproof container, as well as saving them electronically. These items can include, but are not limited to, insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
 - **Tools**
 - **Pet Care Items**
 - Proper identification/ immunization records
 - Ample supply of food and water
 - Carrier or cage
 - Medications
 - Muzzle and leash
 - Photo of you and your pet(s) – in the event that you are separated from your pet, having an updated photo with your pet will help validate pet ownership
 - If you have been told to evacuate, EVACUATE. Don't stay behind. We can rebuild a home, but we can't rebuild a life.
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Hurricane Preparedness Resources Websites

Helpful accounts on @X

@FLSERT (<https://twitter.com/FLSERT>)

@NHC_Atlantic (https://twitter.com/NHC_Atlantic)

@MyFDOT (<https://twitter.com/MyFDOT>)

@GasBuddy (<https://twitter.com/GasBuddy>)

Local Sheriff's Office

Local Emergency Operations Centers

During a storm

- Follow instructions from local law enforcement and emergency management officials.
 - Stay away from windows and seek shelter.
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After a storm

- If you were advised to evacuate, do not return home until it is safe to do so.
 - Be mindful of debris and down power lines.
 - Do not drive or walk around outside if you do not have to.
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