



Preparation And After Storm Checklist

Things to consider when preparing your family emergency plan.



Create a checklist as part of your plan. The checklist helps plan what you'll need to do before and after the storm, and identifies the supplies you'll need. Your checklist might include things like:

Inside The Home

- Create an emergency supply kit before you need it. Keep first aid kit and manual handy, too.
- Stock up on non-perishable food, medicine, baby supplies and pet food.
- Purchase bottled water. The American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day.
- Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights, battery-operated radios, extension cords, emergency generators and buy extra batteries.
- Keep extra cash on hand, since an electrical power outage may prevent you from withdrawing money from automatic teller machines or banks.
- Turn your refrigerator to its coldest setting. If the power goes out, this will keep food fresh longer. If you leave the refrigerator closed, most food will stay frozen or fresh for up to 12 hours.
- Turn off and unplug any unnecessary electrical equipment, especially sensitive electronics.
- Have a hand-operated can opener on hand.
- Place your critical documents, such as birth certificates, insurance documents, special photos, etc. in a waterproof, portable container.

Disaster Assistance Agencies

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Disaster Assistance:

TELEPHONE: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

TDD: 1-800-462-7585 • **FAX:** 1-800-827-8112

WEBSITE: fema.gov

Disaster Preparedness/ Disaster Assistance websites: ready.gov • disasterassistance.gov

American Red Cross:

TELEPHONE: 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)

WEBSITE: redcross.org

Outside The Home

- Install an approved hurricane shutter system over windows and doors or have alternate coverings such as plywood on hand.
- When venturing outside, be on the lookout for downed power lines and stay away from them.
- Trim trees that are NOT near power lines and clear debris. Once a hurricane warning is announced, trash pickup is suspended.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.
- Bring loose, lightweight objects, such as lawn furniture, inside.
- If you plan to lower your TV antenna, do it well before storm winds arrive. Look around to identify power lines and stay clear.
- If you have a swimming pool, turn off all pumps and filters and wrap them in waterproof materials. Water from the storm may otherwise damage them.
- Where possible, insulate or cover water lines, hose bibs, etc. when confronted with severe cold weather.

To Report Downed Power Lines, Call 1-800-ENTERGY (368-3749)

Remember, there is no way for you to tell if a power line is energized or not. Keep yourself and your loved ones away from downed power lines and call Entergy.

To Get Outage Information In Your Area

Log on to entergystormcenter.com to find the latest news and information about the outage as well as useful guides to help you prepare for severe weather.