Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

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Before the Season (by June 1)

- [ ] Find your evacuation zone and plan two routes out
- [ ] Pick where you'll go: friends, family or a hotel inland
- [ ] Water: 1 gallon per person per day for several days
- [ ] Several days of non-perishable food, plus a manual can opener
- [ ] Refill prescriptions and pack a copy of the list
- [ ] First aid kit, flashlights, extra batteries, power banks
- [ ] NOAA Weather Radio (hand-crank or battery)
- [ ] Battery-operated carbon monoxide detector
- [ ] Documents in a waterproof box + digital copies
- [ ] Review insurance; photograph your home and belongings
- [ ] Shutters or pre-cut plywood for every window
- [ ] Trim trees and clear gutters
- [ ] Pet food, carrier, leash and vet records
- [ ] Pack a go bag for each person

When a Storm Is Forecast (3 to 5 days out)

- [ ] Fill the car's gas tank and get cash in small bills
- [ ] Charge phones, power banks and rechargeable lights
- [ ] Fill a bathtub water bladder and extra containers
- [ ] Freeze water bottles to keep the fridge and cooler cold
- [ ] Bring in or tie down everything loose in the yard
- [ ] Put up shutters or plywood
- [ ] Move valuables and documents up high or into the go bag
- [ ] Check generator, fuel and extension cords
- [ ] Tell family your plan and where you'll go

During the Storm

- [ ] Evacuate right away if officials order it
- [ ] Stay in an interior room away from windows
- [ ] Keep the radio on for alerts
- [ ] Never walk or drive through flood water
- [ ] Generators outdoors only, 20+ feet from doors, windows, vents

Sources: Ready.gov (Build a Kit, Hurricanes, Floods, Food); CDC (carbon monoxide); NOAA National Hurricane Center.

After the Storm

- [ ] Return home only when officials say it's safe
- [ ] Photograph all damage before you clean up
- [ ] Toss fridge food if power was out more than 4 hours
- [ ] Stay out of flood water and away from downed lines
- [ ] Check on neighbors, especially the elderly
- [ ] Restock and update this kit

Our Plan

Evacuation zone: _____

Where we will go: _____

Route 1: _____

Route 2: _____

Out-of-area contact: _____

Pet plan: _____

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