

# BEFORE THE STORM SAFETY

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## IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

**Have a plan** in place for evacuation. Know the location of your nearest public evacuation shelter.

**Special needs shelters** are for those with disabilities or who require medical care that exceeds basic first aid.

Know the location of the special needs shelter closest to you.

**Bring change of clothing:** rain gear, toiletries, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, books and any special dietary needs.

**Have a pet?** Make sure your shelter accepts them. Have a leash and collar, two weeks of food and water, bowls, a crate and medications ready, along with veterinary records. For cats, kitty litter and an appropriate container.

**Fill your car with gas** as soon as possible. Power outages will prevent gas pumps from working.

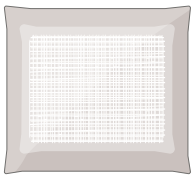
**Charge your cell phone** and any other electronic devices you may need.

**Have some cash** and important papers, like insurance policies, in a waterproof folder or container.

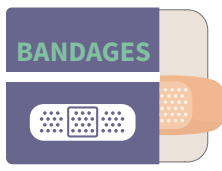


## PERSONAL HEALTH

An ANSI-compliant first aid kit that includes:



Compresses



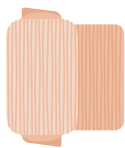
Adhesive Bandages



First Aid Tape



Antiseptic Wipes



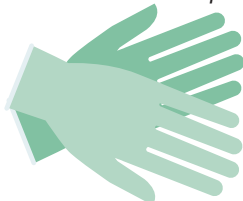
Gauze



Pain Relievers  
(Aspirin, Acetaminophen  
or Ibuprofen)



Hand Sanitizer



Latex Gloves

Have a 30-day supply of any **prescription medications** you or your family requires on a daily basis.

**Prepare a list** of your family's doctors' names and contact information.

Also include a list of **personal medical conditions** for appropriate family members in case of emergency.

**For pets** that require specific medications, have a 30-day supply on hand.



### EVACUATION ✓ LIST

- Shelter location
- Special needs shelter location
- Change of clothing
- Rain gear
- Toiletries
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows
- Books or other reading material
- Special dietary needs
- Pet supplies and medication
- Car filled with gas
- Charged cell phone
- Cash and important papers

### PERSONAL HEALTH ✓ LIST

- First aid kit (ANSI-certified)
- 30-day supply of medications
- Doctor contact information
- List of medical conditions
- Pet medications

# HOME BASE PLANNING

**Bottled water** is a must for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, etc. You need at least 1 gallon per person per day.

**Supply of canned food\*** or ready-to-eat foods like peanut butter. Have a manual can opener on hand.

*\* Check expiration dates and rotate stock as needed.*



**For infants**, have a supply of ready-to-eat formula, sanitized bottles and nipples. Breast feeding should continue.

**For pets**, have enough food and water on hand, a leash, chew toys, bowls, etc.

**A battery or hand crank radio** keeps you informed about road closures, storm surge and mandatory evacuations.

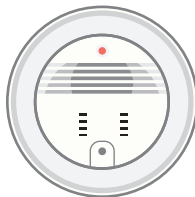
Have a **fully-charged cell phone** and other electronic devices you may need.

**Battery-powered flashlights or lanterns** (one for each family member) plus extra batteries for each.



**Candles** should be placed in safe holders away from curtains, paper and anything else that may catch fire.

**A gas-powered generator** must never be used indoors, in a garage, within 20 feet of windows or window air conditioner.



A battery-powered **carbon monoxide (CO) alarm** installed to prevent CO poisoning.



**Other items you'll need:** Fire extinguisher, duct tape, plastic garbage bags, scissors, heavy duty gloves.

**Cover your skin:** Wear lightweight long pants and long-sleeved shirt and use insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Mosquito spray is not safe for children under 2 months old, use mosquito netting to protect them.

**Check for and repair** any torn or broken screens on windows, doors, porches and patios.

**Empty plastic pools** and turn over anything that may collect standing water.



## HOME BASE ✓ LIST

- Bottled water
- Canned, non-perishable foods
- Manual can opener
- Infant ready-to-eat formula
- Sanitized bottles and nipples
- Food and water for pets
- Leash, chew toys, bowls, etc.
- Battery or crank weather radio
- Candles, safe holders, matches
- Gas-powered generator
- Battery-powered flashlights
- Battery-powered lanterns
- CO alarm installed
- Fire extinguisher
- Duct tape
- Plastic garbage bags
- Scissors
- Heavy duty gloves
- Long pants, long-sleeved shirts, etc.
- Insect repellent
- Repair torn and broken screens
- Empty plastic pools