

CL #6B Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

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Purpose: To help you and your family be fully prepared to deal with hurricanes whether you wait out the storm in your home, get together at a friend's house (CPG Neighborhood Club) or go to a shelter.

___ **0) Visit & study this site** <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

___ **1) Pre-Hurricane actions to be done now**

Connect up with your local CPG Neighborhood Club, Fair Winds Forest, or locate all local shelters around you (verify if pets are allowed)

- Have a plan ahead of time – family communication, meeting place, etc.

All members of the household agree on an emergency contact out of the area to use as a via

Make a list and take photos of everything in house for insurance

Trim all trees and remove all debris

Fix any loose fencing around house

Plan a place to secure outside furniture in the event of a Hurricane/Storm

Establish a safe room away from windows if possible (if staying) and

stock it with food, water, portable toilet, etc.

Make sure generators (if you have) are working properly and fueled up

Make sure all gas-fed generators are outside at all times

Inspect roofs for loose roofing material and proper drainage

Clean out all rain gutters

Have a sanitation plan in case sewers are not working

<http://www.practicalsurvivor.com/emergencysanitation>

Establish communication with your CPG team

Check if you are in an evacuation zone www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm

___ **2) Board-Up options you have to protect windows**

Do not duct take windows or open windows (these are unworkable myths)

Plywood, pre-cut and labeled for each window ready to go. These can be attached to your home using Plylox hurricane window clips or other methods.

Corrugated storm panels

Accordion shutters

Bahama shutters

Impact glass

___ **3) Have follow supplies in adequate quantity, it could take weeks for stores to restock**

Battery Lanterns

Batteries

Candles (these are a fire hazard - take safety precautions)

Multi-tool knife

Cell phone back up charger, car charger

Have at least a two week supply of cash on hand

Clothing/rain gear

Have at least 72 hours' worth of water (minimum 1 gallon per person per day)
Radio, battery powered with batteries
Toilet paper
Hygiene supplies (toothbrush, towel, soap, etc.)
Food (store in waterproof containers), 2 weeks or more
Way to cook without electricity (see CL #3 Off Grid Cooking Means and Methods Checklist)
Disposable plates and plasticware, cooler, ice
Something to keep you busy (if in a shelter or stuck inside your home)
Sleeping bag/blankets/pads/pillows
Lighters, flashlights
First aid kit
Bleach (non-scented), paper towels, trash bags, disinfectant, Bug spray
If you have pets/animals, make sure you have extra food and water for them
Personal information kit (ID, copies of birth cert, etc.)
Duct Tape
Tarp

___ 4) Take these actions before storm hits:

Monitor storm progress
Fill all vehicles with fuel
Secure as many loose items as possible in house and outside
Put water in any empty spaces in freezer and fridge to keep food cooler longer
Fill tub and other containers with water
Turn freezer on lowest temp setting
If you don't have a way of keeping your fridge running, buy ice
Reinforce garage door or park vehicles in front of it
Turn off natural gas until storm passes
Establish communication with your CPG team and coordinate

___ 5) Take these actions if you evacuate

Turn off all lights and unplug electronics
Turn off main breaker to house
Turn off water at the main
Make sure car is not parked under house or under trees
Disconnect the car battery

___ 6) After Storm:

Verify the storm has passed completely, the back end of the storm may be the worst
Make sure before entering the house any flood water has receded **Note: Flood water is nasty and most of the time contains, bacteria, diseases and debris. Stay out!**
Make sure after any flooding you open windows and doors to help dry the house out
Cut the drywall (asbestos free only) depending on the extent of the damage to help drying
Run fans
Write down the time and money spent on fixing anything; for possible insurance reimbursement