

# How to Prepare and Respond to Hurricanes

Follow these tips to prepare prior to a hurricane's arrival, and after the storm has passed.

## How To Prepare Before The Hurricane

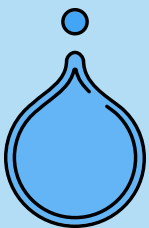


Decide in advance if you're going to:

- stay in your home
- go to an emergency shelter
- evacuate your home



Have your "go bag" ready, with your phone, keys, wallet, and keep a cooler or icepack ready for your medication.



Make copies of important documents like your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy and lease, and place them into a watertight bag.



Consult hurricane preparedness materials, including the Florida Disaster Preparedness Checklist, available at: [www.floridadisaster.org/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/)

## How To Respond After The Hurricane



If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe, and stay out of any building that has water around it.



If you have property damage, take pictures and contact your landlord and/or insurance company as soon as possible.



Keep a car charger with you in case your electricity goes out, so that you can charge your phone.



Check with the Courthouse Hurricane Hotline at 954-831-7777 to stay up to date on closures and hours. \*\*If possible, use a cell phone and leave landline calls only for emergencies.

