

While you can't always predict an emergency, such as a hurricane, you can always be prepared. Use the following checklist to ensure you're ready, and be sure to refresh your supplies of food and water every six months.

	Family Emergency Plan, including numbers to call and meeting places		Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
	Cash – banks and ATMs may not be open for		Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
	extended periods		Local maps
	Water – at least one gallon per person for three to		Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
_	seven days		Emergency reference material, such as a first aid book
ш	Food – at least enough non-perishable food for three to seven days		or information from www.ready.gov.
	Water and food for pets		Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach,
	Non-electric can opener, paper plates, plastic utensils		bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency,
			you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
	Blankets or sleeping bags, pillows		Fire extinguisher
	Clothing – seasonal, rain gear/sturdy shoes		Matches in a waterproof container
	First aid kit – medicines, prescription drugs		Paper and pencil
	Special items – for babies and the elderly		Books, games, puzzles or other activities to entertain
	Toiletries - hygiene items, moisture wipes, feminine supplies		kids & family
	Flashlight and batteries		Bucket
	Keys		Duct tape
	Whistle to signal for help		Safety glasses & gloves (for removing debris)
	Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air		Disposable camera (for documenting damage)
	Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place		Freezer bags
			Sharpie marker
Store copies of these important documents in a fire- and waterproof container.			
	Insurance papers		Birth and marriage certificates
	Medical records		Stocks and bonds
	Bank account numbers		Recent tax returns
	Social Security cards		Wills

□ Deeds or mortgages