Preparing for the Hurricane Season

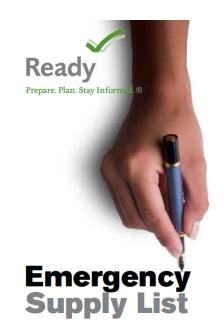


With the hurricane season upon us, please be sure to check st.lukes.org/hurricane for resources and updates.

FEMA Emergency Supply List

Below is an Emergency Supply List, issued by FEMA (www.ready.gov)

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:
☐ Prescription medications and glasses
☐ Infant formula and diapers
☐ Pet food and extra water for your pet
☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change
☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
☐ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, 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.
☐ Fire Extinguisher
☐ Matches in a waterproof container
☐ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
☐ Paper and pencil
☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children





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	Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:
	Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
	Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
	Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
	Flashlight and extra batteries
	First aid kit
	Whistle to signal for help
	Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
	Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
	Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
	Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
	Local maps

Through its Ready Campaign, the Federal Emergency Management Agency educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Ready asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.





Federal Emergency Management Agency Washington, DC 20472

Other hurricane readiness tips to consider

Ш	Secure your outside furniture, decorations, and garbage cans.
	Ensure first aid supplies and medicines are fully stocked.
	Keep a supply of water and non-perishable food items on hand.
	Verify you have a non-electric can opener.
	Charge your cellphones and computers in advance of the storm.
	Locate your battery-operated radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
	Have emergency cash on hand and fill your car gas tank.
	Clean out your storm drains, gutters, and downspouts.
	Consider trimming and thinning the large trees in your yard.
	Know the locations of your fire extinguishers and verify they are charged.
	If you have an emergency power source, learn how to use it properly.
	Turn off your irrigation system to avoid extra water and possible damage.
	Decide on your most secure room in the house to ride out the storm.
	If advised to evacuate, have a plan to move your family to another location.
	Have your home and car insurance contact information handy, if needed.

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Other Resources

ready.gov

Orange County Emergency Information

Orange County Government-Hurricane Safety Guide

redcross.org

Red Cross.org-Preparing for a hurricane during Coronavirus Outbreak

How to prepare your home for a storm:

Disaster - FEMA Emergency Supply List

oclf.net/storm

The Florida Department of Revenue is offering a Sales Tax Holiday on Disaster Preparedness from August 26-September 8, 2023. Please visit **Florida Department of Revenue** for more information.

Orange County Sheriff's Office or Fire Rescue

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: 407-836-4357

Duke Energy: 800-228-8485

See this online brochure from Duke Energy for the storm safety tips before, during, and after the storm: <u>storm-safety-florida-english.pdf</u> (<u>duke-energy.com</u>)

Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC): 407-423-9018

OUC Storm Center