


A CHECKLIST FOR PREPARING FOR A MAJOR STORM

While every attempt has been made to make the following information helpful, relative and accurate, responsibility and risk for the use of this data rests with you, the homeowner. The information provided below is a suggestion only.

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1	Bring in anything located outdoors (lawn furniture, planters, grills, lawn ornaments, fan blades inside to avoid them being blown around during strong winds.	
2	Take a full home inventory and document all of your possessions for insurance purposes.	
3	Cut down any loose or weak branches from trees or plants on your property. You don't want them falling down in strong winds and damaging your property.	
4	Inspect roof, downspouts and gutters and clear any clogged areas or debris to prevent water damage to your property.	
5	Stock up the car with emergency supplies, blankets, and a change of clothes for everyone in your home.	
6	Make sure your car's gas tank is full. If your area is evacuated during a hurricane, you may have to drive far distances without access to a gas station.	
7	Prepare to evacuate by testing your emergency communication plan(s), learning evacuation routes, having a place to stay, and packing a "go bag."	
8	Fill up propane tanks and gas containers for generators.	
9	Stock emergency supplies, prescriptions, batteries, flashlights, ice and food.	
10	Have enough money for a few days, include small bills and a roll of quarters.	
11	Check your tire pressure. Driving on underinflated tires increases your risk of getting a flat tire when driving through post-storm debris, and it also wastes gas.	
12	If you don't have permanent storm shutters, board up windows with 5/8" plywood.	
13	Reinforce doors, and board up any sliding glass doors with plywood or stormproof shutters.	
14	Fill sinks and bathtubs with water for cleaning and flushing toilets	
15	Turn off propane tanks.	
16	Unplug all appliances, TVs, computers, lamps, radios, washers, dryers and small electronics.	
17	Move cars and trucks into your garage or a sheltered area.	
18	Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting. Keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last	
19	Keep your cell phone fully charged - you may lose power as the storm approaches. Tip: Get a portable USB battery charger in case you lose power.	
20	If you have a generator, get it out and ready, just in case.	
21	Sign up for local alerts and warnings. Monitor local news and weather reports.	
22	If you do evacuate, notify your neighbors and friends. Give them emergency contact information.	