



# Hurricane Preparedness

## EVACUATION PLAN

Take some time to make sure you have a hurricane evacuation plan. The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a storm surge hurricane evacuation zone or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Identify someone, perhaps a friend or relative who doesn't live in an evacuation zone or unsafe home, and coordinate with them to use their home as your evacuation destination.

Be sure to account for your pets, as most local shelters do not permit them. Put the plan in writing for you and those you care about. [hurricanes.gov/prepare](https://www.hurricanes.gov/prepare)  
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## SUPPLIES

Just having enough supplies to make it through a hurricane isn't enough. You need plenty to make it through

what could be a LONG recovery period too. Water and electricity could be out for a week or more. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family for a MINIMUM of one week. Also make sure you have extra cash, a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and a portable crank or solar powered USB charger to charge your cell phone. [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)

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## INSURANCE

Call your insurance company or agent and ask for an insurance checkup to make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or even replace your home. ...and remember, standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. Whether you're a homeowner or renter, you'll need a separate policy for flooding. [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov). Act now as flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.

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If you plan to ride out a hurricane in your home, make sure it is in good repair and up to local hurricane building code specifications. Have the proper plywood, steel or aluminum panels to board up the windows and doors. Remember, the garage door is the most vulnerable part of the home, so it must be able to withstand high winds.

[fema.gov/what-mitigation](https://www.fema.gov/what-mitigation)

## NEIGHBORS

Many Americans rely on their neighbors after a disaster, but there are also many ways you can help your neighbors before a hurricane approaches. Learn about all the different actions your community can take to prepare and recover from the hazards associated with hurricanes: [ready.gov/neighbors](https://www.ready.gov/neighbors)  
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