

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- ☐ Know your evacuation zone (A, B, C)
- ☐ Evacuate immediately when called
- ☐ Register for Special Needs Assistance
- ☐ Identify shelter options (general, special needs, pet-friendly)
- ☐ Sign up for AlertVolusia alerts
- ☐ Locate sandbag distribution sites
- ☐ Follow curfews and re-entry rules
- ☐ Separate debris types for pickup
- ☐ Watch for boil water notices
- ☐ Understand flooding risks even outside zones

BEFORE THE STORM – PLANNING & PREPARATION

- ☐ Determine evacuation destination in advance
- ☐ Print map and evacuation routes
- ☐ Review insurance policies and coverage
- ☐ Take photos/videos BEFORE storm
- ☐ Inspect roof, shingles, gutters, drains
- ☐ Trim trees and remove loose branches
- ☐ Secure or remove outdoor items
- ☐ Purchase plywood, tarps, rope, nails
- ☐ Fuel vehicles and generators
- ☐ Check tires, oil, battery
- ☐ Prepare emergency kits
- ☐ Plan for pets and medical needs

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

- ☐ Water: 1 gallon per person per day (3–14 days)
- ☐ Non-perishable food supply
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Flashlights (2+) and headlamp
- ☐ Extra batteries (multiple sets)
- ☐ Battery/hand crank radio + NOAA weather radio
- ☐ First aid kit (aspirin, antacids, anti-diarrhea, peroxide, ointment, bandages, tape, scissors)
- ☐ Two-week supply of medications
- ☐ Cooler and gel freezer packs
- ☐ Camping stove/grill with fuel

- ☐ Charcoal, canned heat, starter fluid
- ☐ Fire extinguisher and baking soda
- ☐ Dust masks
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Hygiene supplies (toilet paper, wipes, etc.)
- ☐ Trash bags and sealable bags
- ☐ Clothing, blankets, ponchos
- ☐ Kitchen utensils and cookware
- ☐ Towels (3 per person)
- ☐ Cash and chargers
- ☐ Water purification system
- ☐ Pet food, water, supplies

PROTECTING YOUR HOME

- ☐ Inspect roof and secure shingles
- ☐ Ensure gutters and drains function properly
- ☐ Check storm drains
- ☐ Seal windows and doors
- ☐ Install shutters or pre-cut plywood
- ☐ Secure landscaping and rocks
- ☐ Remove all outdoor items
- ☐ Park vehicles on higher ground

DURING THE STORM

- ☐ Stay in interior room (bathroom/closet)
- ☐ Avoid windows and glass
- ☐ Monitor radio and alerts
- ☐ Keep emergency kit nearby
- ☐ Turn off utilities if flooding
- ☐ Do not go outside during the eye

IF EVACUATION IS ORDERED

- ☐ Do not panic
- ☐ Take emergency kit and documents
- ☐ Turn off water, gas, electricity
- ☐ Lock doors and windows
- ☐ Notify family of destination
- ☐ Call upon arrival
- ☐ Avoid major highways if congested

DRIVING & TRAVEL AFTER THE STORM

- ☐ Drive only if necessary
- ☐ Avoid flooded roads
- ☐ Watch for debris and power lines
- ☐ Treat intersections as 4-way stops
- ☐ Avoid nighttime driving
- ☐ Carry emergency supplies in vehicle

AFTER THE STORM – SAFETY & CLEANUP

- ☐ Take photos before cleanup
- ☐ Avoid downed power lines
- ☐ Avoid floodwater
- ☐ Ventilate home
- ☐ Do not use wet electrical systems
- ☐ Use generators outdoors only
- ☐ Discard unsafe food
- ☐ Boil water if advised
- ☐ Wear protective gear
- ☐ Watch for scams
- ☐ Use licensed contractors
- ☐ Keep receipts
- ☐ Check on neighbors

PET PREPARATION

- ☐ Do not leave pets behind
- ☐ Keep dogs leashed and cats in carriers
- ☐ Provide ID and current photo
- ☐ Bring food, water, bowls, litter
- ☐ Have vet contact information
- ☐ Check hotel/shelter pet policies