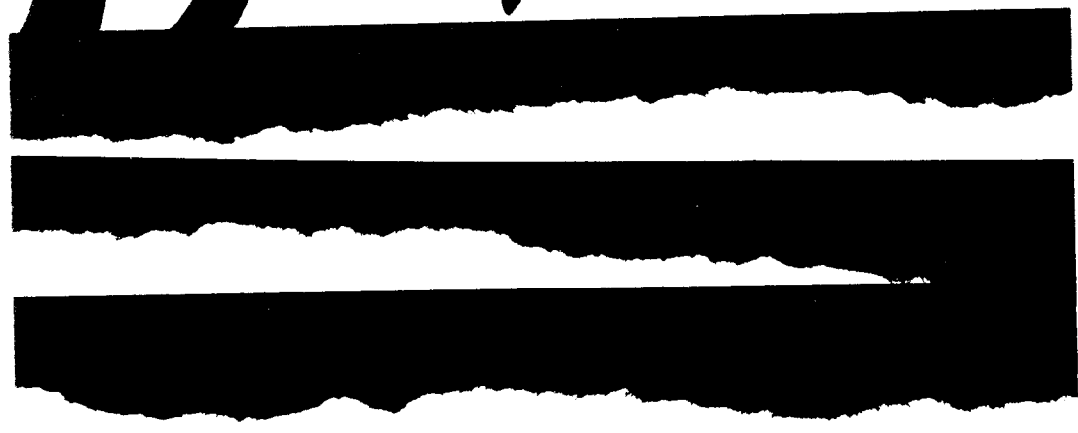


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HURRICANE SAFETY CHECKLIST

A hurricane builds in the Gulf with gale-force winds of 80 miles per hour. It begins a track northward on a course that will take it to your area. Do you know enough about hurricane safety procedures to cope with one of nature's most devastating threats?

To prepare for a hurricane, follow the hurricane safety checklist below. You can save life and property if you prepare for a hurricane before it strikes.

Step 1

Is your home on land, less than 20 feet above sea level? If yes, go to Step 3. If not, go to Step 2.

Step 2

Do you live within two miles of the Gulf or one mile of a river? If yes, go to Step 3. If not, go to Step 4.

Step 3

If you answered yes to 1 and 2, you live in an area that is vulnerable to flooding during a hurricane. Because nine out of 10 hurricane-related deaths are caused by drowning, you should use the following checklist to prepare for a hurricane emergency. You should make decisions now about where you would go if you had to evacuate, how you would get there, and how long it would take you to move to safe shelter.

If a hurricane WATCH is issued for your area, take the following precautions:

- Drive to a gas station and fill your tank.
- Store or tie down all outdoor objects, such as garbage cans, outdoor furniture, and garden tools.
- If you own a boat, moor it adequately. Remember that tides can rise 10 to 20 feet above normal. Take this into consideration when securing lines. If your boat is small enough, move it onshore. Fill the boat with water or tie it down to keep it from being blown about by the high winds.
- Tape or board up the windows of your house.
- Pack valuable papers such as deeds, wills, insurance documents, and contracts to take with you in case of evacuation.
- Fill containers with plenty of fresh water for drinking.
- Prepare a portable disaster kit (see back page).

- Contact friends, relatives, and neighbors to let them know your plans in case evacuation is necessary.
- Monitor radio and television reports for updates on storm conditions.
- Check with the Humane Society to arrange for safeguarding your pets if you have to evacuate and cannot take them with you.
- Do not use the telephone unnecessarily.

If a hurricane WARNING is issued, prepare to evacuate. Take the following steps immediately:

- Shut off the main power switch and main gas valve. Elevate your appliances, such as the refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, and freezer, to minimize water damage. Cover the refrigerator and freezer with newspapers and blankets for insulation and to prevent food spoilage.
- Go through the checklist once more and make sure that you have completed all of the steps.
- Evacuate. If you are handicapped and/or need transportation, call your local Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Step 4

STAYING AT HOME

If you answered no to Steps 1 and 2, you are not in a flood prone area and you may be able to ride out the storm in your own home. However, if you live in a mobile home, you should go back to Step 3 and plan to evacuate. (Though mobile homes are anchored and have overhead braces, they are especially vulnerable to wind damage.)

In staying at home during a hurricane, be sure to take the hurricane watch precautions outlined under Step 3 as well as the following:

- Shut off the main power switch and main gas valve. Cover your refrigerator and freezer with newspaper and blankets for insulation and to prevent food spoilage.
- Bring your pets inside and protect livestock.
- Go through the checklist under Step 3 once more and make sure that you have completed all of the steps. Then, go indoors and stay until the storm is over. Brace all doors to prevent wind damage. Monitor storm reports with your transistor radio.

The important thing to remember throughout all these steps is to REMAIN CALM!

Tornadoes and flash floods are the worst killers associated with a hurricane. In a tornado warning, seek inside shelter below ground level. If outside, move away at right angles from the tornado. If escape is impossible, lie flat in a ditch or low spot. The surge of ocean water plus the flash-flooding of streams and rivers caused by torrential rains combine to make drowning the greatest cause of hurricane deaths.

A Portable Disaster Kit Should Contain:

Food (nonperishable)	Medication (prescriptions)
Water (1 qt/person/day for drinking)	Portable radio and batteries
Eating and cooking utensils	Flashlight and batteries
Toilet Articles	Bedding (sleeping bag, etc.)
Sanitary needs (diapers, etc.)	Clothing
Spare eyeglasses, hearing aid, etc.	Portable ice chest
	First-aid kit

Emergency Phone Numbers That Can Help You

Civil Defense _____

American Red Cross _____

Local Police _____

State Police _____

Sheriff _____

Emergency Rescue _____

Hospital _____

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