

Preparing for Hurricanes

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Living here in Tampa Bay we are fortunate to have our own CERT team, but we need to take some responsibility for our own survival in the event of a disaster. Every home needs a well-stocked disaster supply kit and a plan of action, which can alleviate many hardships in an emergency situation. The Florida Division of Emergency Management recommends that we stock water and food for use for at least 3-7 days.

- Water: one gallon per day per person
- Food
- Non-perishable packaged, canned food and juices
- Snack foods
- Non-electric can opener
- Vitamins
- Prescription medications
- Disposable plates and utensils
- Radio: First Responders sells the best you can get.
- Blankets, pillows etc.
- Clothing: rain gear, sturdy shoes, other comfortable clothing
- First Aid Kit/over-the-counter medications
- Toiletries/hand cleaner/moist towelettes
- Flashlights and batteries
- Games
- Important documents should be kept in waterproof container
- Tools
- Trash bags (for trash and dirty laundry)

Pet care items

- Proper identification and immunization records, medication records
- Ample food and water
- Carrier or cage
- Muzzle and leash