

Hurricanes



The Essentials of Your Hurricane Safety Kit

Everyone living in a hurricane prone region should have a hurricane safety kit ready. Pre-packaged hurricane preparation kits may be purchased, or you can easily assemble a kit yourself. A safety kit is one of the most essential elements of preparing yourself, your family and your property for a hurricane.



Suggested items for your hurricane safety kit include:

1. **Water.** Enough to last every member of your family at least three days (One gallon per person per day).
2. **Food.** Dried goods, energy bars, canned goods that do not need heating (Enough for each person to eat for three days).
3. **First aid kit.** Include prescription medications, over-the-counter painkillers, rubbing alcohol, eye wash kit and vomit-inducing medication in case of accidental poisoning.
4. **Full tank of gas.** Gas stations may be closed during and after the storm.
5. **Flashlights.** Include a few flashlights, as they are a safer alternative to candles if power is down.
6. **Whistle.** Whistles can be used to signal and direct attention during and after the storm passes.
7. **Battery or crank powered radio.** Listening to weather alerts and directives from authorities may save your life.
8. **Batteries.** Enough to power flashlights and battery operated radios for three days.
9. **Cash.** Do not rely on ATMs after a hurricane, as power may be down.
10. **Blankets and extra clothing.**
11. **Personal hygiene.** Include toilet paper, hand towels, feminine products, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer and, if there is a young child, diapers.
12. **Pet supplies.**
13. **Cleaning supplies.** Include disinfectant and garbage bags to manage waste and germs.
14. **Sleeping bags and tent.**
15. **Tools.** A small toolbox with the essentials and a pair of work gloves.

All contents of a hurricane survival kit should be packed neatly into easily accessible plastic storage bins and should be easily transportable.

For more information about preparing for a hurricane, please visit www.libertymutual.com/prepare.