



## The *Ultimate* HURRICANE CHECKLIST

### STANDARD ESSENTIALS:

- ☐ Frill-free landline phone & basic phone service (NOT cable)
- ☐ BATTERIES! (NOT rechargeable)
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Wine key & bottle opener
- ☐ Heavy-duty double-sided screwdriver
- ☐ Portable grill w/ plenty of PROPANE or CHARCOAL
- ☐ Disposable plates, napkins, cups & utensils
- ☐ Ice trays
- ☐ Pre-cut aluminum foil sheets
- ☐ Quart & gallon-sized Ziploc bags
- ☐ LED lanterns ([Atomic Beam Lantern/bulbhead.com](#))
- ☐ Several battery-operated fans (O2 COOL 10-inch portable fan w/ USB charging port)
- ☐ Several hand-held fans
- ☐ Plastic tarps
- ☐ Emergency drinking water system ([WaterBOB.com](#))
- ☐ Silicone pot cover for tub drain
- ☐ Save gallon-size milk jugs for flushing toilets
- ☐ One watertight file box for important files
- ☐ Watertight container for garbage
- ☐ Well-stocked first aid kit (replenish annually)
- ☐ Bug repellent, bite ointment & sunscreen
- ☐ Flashlights & headlamps! (LED is best)
- ☐ MATCHES & multi-purpose LIGHTERS
- ☐ Rubber boots, heavy-duty work gloves & facemasks
- ☐ Large COOLERS with wheels & lots of freezer packs
- ☐ Automobile jumper cables
- ☐ Portable mobile phone chargers w/ cords
- ☐ Solar-powered mobile phone chargers w/ cords
- ☐ Unscented dry shampoo (you'll be glad you did)
- ☐ Spill-proof "safety" gas cans

### OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Generator & gas (store per manufacturers manual)
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detector
- ☐ Gas-powered chainsaw (use w/ protective gear)
- ☐ NOAA weather radio

### AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE:

- ☐ Review all insurance coverages
- ☐ Set-up online insurance account
- ☐ Inventory of all personal property
- ☐ Photograph all personal property
- ☐ Create a master list of accounts
- ☐ Service/repair hurricane shutters
- ☐ CASH (small bills are best)
- ☐ Non-perishable food (7 days)
- ☐ Toilet paper & paper towels (7 days)
- ☐ Disposable hand-sanitizer and/or baby wipes
- ☐ Disposable disinfecting wipes
- ☐ Drinking WATER for humans & pets (1 gallon/person & pet, per day for 14 days)
- ☐ Disposable toothbrushes
- ☐ Sandbags or large bags of potting soil
- ☐ Trim trees, palm fronds & coconuts, etc.
- ☐ No shutters? Have plywood cut in advance & have an installation plan in place
- ☐ Give a spare key to a friend for safekeeping

### 1 WEEK BEFORE THE STORM:

- ☐ Put shutters or plywood up
- ☐ Recycle any unwanted hazardous materials (<http://www.colliergov.net/recycles>)
- ☐ Remove blades from exterior ceiling fans
- ☐ Remove and/or tie down exterior light fixtures
- ☐ Remove decorative knickknacks, pots, statues, furniture & doormats, etc.
- ☐ Purchase boxed milk, oranges, & grapefruits & apples
- ☐ Turn on Government Alerts (mobile phone)
- ☐ Blankets, pillows & inflatable mattresses
- ☐ Set aside rubber boots & rain jacket w/ hood
- ☐ Fill lots of gallon-sized Ziploc bags w/ ice
- ☐ Empty freezer & refrigerator of all perishables
- ☐ Fill gas tanks & top off all automotive liquids
- ☐ Inspect tire pressure
- ☐ LIMIT DRIVING
- ☐ Fill spill-proof gas cans & store in garage
- ☐ If you decide to evacuate, DO NOT WAIT!