

# Hurricane Kit

Gather the supplies listed below and make plans to purchase needed items as early in the storm season as possible.

## Food and water

- ☐ Have enough bottled water to last for up to two weeks. A good rule of thumb is one gallon per person per day — more if you are doing physical work.
- ☐ Shelf-package juice and milk boxes
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Canned and powdered milk
- ☐ Beverages (powdered or canned fruit juices, instant coffee, tea)
- ☐ Prepared foods such as canned soups, beef, spaghetti, tuna, chicken, ham, corned beef hash, packaged pudding
- ☐ Canned vegetables and fruits
- ☐ Dried fruits
- ☐ Snacks (crackers, cookies, hard candy, nuts)
- ☐ Snack spreads (peanut butter, jelly)
- ☐ Cereals
- ☐ Raw vegetables
- ☐ Sugar, salt, pepper
- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Dry and canned pet food

## Hardware

- ☐ Check that emergency equipment is operating properly (flashlights, battery-operated radios, extension cords, emergency generators, etc.), and buy extra batteries and fuel.
- ☐ Pocketknife — preferably Swiss Army style
- ☐ Hammer and power screwdriver
- ☐ Small axe, shovel and pickaxe for after a storm
- ☐ Flashlights and extra bulbs
- ☐ Battery-operated radio
- ☐ Clock (wind-up or battery-operated)

- ☐ Fully charged battery-operated lanterns (Don't get candles or kerosene lanterns as they are fire hazards.)
- ☐ Plastic garbage bags
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Clean change of clothes, rain gear, sturdy swamp boots
- ☐ An inexpensive rabbit-ear television antenna to use if cable goes out
- ☐ Power screwdriver
- ☐ 4 x 8 feet sheets of exterior plywood, 5/8 inch to 1/2 inch thick, to put over windows if you do not have hurricane shutters
- ☐ 1/4-inch machine screw sockets and screws
- ☐ Keep a few tarps and tie-downs on hand. They are very useful and often in short supply following a storm.
- ☐ Plastic sheeting to cover furniture
- ☐ Gasoline containers
- ☐ Rope
- ☐ Sturdy working gloves
- ☐ Duct tape to water-proof items. Masking tape isn't strong enough.
- ☐ Nails: There are many kinds, so examine your home now and determine what you will need.

## Medical needs

- ☐ A supply of any prescription drugs
- ☐ Medic-alert tags
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Feminine hygiene items
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ First-aid kit and first-aid handbook
  - Children's medicines
  - Bandages, Sterile rolls, Tape
  - Aspirin

- Ear drops
- Thermometer
- Tweezers
- Cotton-tipped swabs
- Needles
- Antiseptic solution
- Disinfectant
- Extra over-the-counter medicine (for colds, allergies, cough)

## Baby needs

- ☐ Disposable diapers, wipes
- ☐ Formula, baby food
- ☐ Diaper-rash ointment, petroleum jelly
- ☐ Baby medicines (pain, fever, cough)
- ☐ Medicine dropper

## Kitchen supplies

- ☐ Ice chests or coolers
- ☐ Plastic to line bathtub to fill with water before a storm
- ☐ Jugs or containers to store water
- ☐ Water purification tablets (usually available only in drug stores), 2% tincture of iodine or ordinary household bleach that contains hypochlorite as its only active ingredient (not bleach with soap, lemon or other additives)
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Bottle opener
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Camp stove or other cooking device and plenty of fuel. Use canned fuel, not charcoal or gas.
- ☐ Working fire extinguisher
- ☐ Paper plates, napkins, plastic cutlery, cups
- ☐ Plastic bags for liners
- ☐ Deodorizer