



# HURRICANE CHECK LIST

HURRICANE SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2023 BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON EACH YEAR, MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE PREPARED BY PLANNING AHEAD.

## MAKE A PLAN

- Write down emergency phone numbers and keep them on the refrigerator or near every phone in your house. Program them into your cell phone too.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit.
- Locate the nearest shelter and different routes you can take to get there from your home. If shelter locations in your area have not been identified, learn how to find them in the event of a storm.
- Pet owners: Pre-identify shelters, a pet-friendly hotel, or an out-of-town friend or relative where you can take your pets in an evacuation. Local animal shelters may be able to offer advice on what to do with your pets if you are asked to evacuate your home.

## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HURRICANE “WATCH” AND “WARNING.”

- A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 miles per hour [mph] or higher) are possible in a stated area. Experts announce hurricane watches 48 hours before they expect tropical-storm-force winds (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) to start.
- A hurricane warning is more serious. It means hurricane-force winds are expected in a stated area. Experts issue these warnings 36 hours before tropical-storm-force winds are expected in the area to give people enough time to prepare for the storm.

For more information about hurricane watches and warnings, [check out the National Weather Service’s Hurricane Center](#). If you hear that there is a hurricane watch or warning in your area, you can take steps to get ready.

## GATHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

During and after a hurricane, you may need [supplies](#) to keep your family safe and healthy. Remember that a hurricane could cut off your power and water supply. You also may not be able to drive because of damage to your car. Roads may be flooded or blocked.

That’s why it’s best to be prepared—stock up on everything you might need now. Be sure to prepare the following:

- An emergency [food and water supply](#).
- An emergency [medicine supply](#).
- Emergency [power sources](#) such as flashlights (don’t forget extra batteries).
- [Safety and personal items](#).
- [Important documents](#), including medical documents, wills, passports, and personal identification.
- A fire extinguisher. Make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it! Read the National Fire Protection Association’s [tips for using fire extinguishers](#).

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