

HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS CHECKLISTS

Stay organized and ready for whatever may come your way with TGS Insurance's comprehensive hurricane checklists.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Checklist for Evacuating:

In addition to hurricane survival items, please remember to include things to help combat the **COVID-19 pandemic** such as:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes
- A face covering or mask
- Protective gloves
- A thermometer

Vehicle Checklist:

- Make sure your tank is full of gas ahead of time
- Remember to have cash on hand as some places may not accept credit or debit
- Your license and/or I.D
- Check your critical levels needed for your vehicle to operate:
 - Oil level
 - Tire pressure, including your spare
 - Coolant level
 - Power steering fluid level
 - Wiper fluid level
- Assess your roadside assistance bag to ensure it has the following items:
 - Small tools such as:
 - Pliers
 - Electrical tape
 - Wrenches
 - Screwdrivers
 - Safety ties
 - Allen wrenches
 - A pocket knife or Swiss army knife
 - Lug nut wrench
 - A car jack
- Roadside flares or reflective equipment
- A reflective vest
- A flashlight with working batteries
- A handheld radio with working batteries
- A first aid kit
- Water
- An extra quart of oil
- Road maps (in the event you cannot access your smartphone)
- Phone chargers that work in your car and outside of it

- A camera
- Food (non-perishable)
- Healthcare products including:
 - Medication
 - Dentalcare (toothbrush, toothpaste, retainers, etc.)
 - Eyewear
- Bedding
- Gear to protect from the weather such as:
 - Umbrellas
 - Clothing for the rain
 - An extra pair of clothes
- Necessary pet items including:
 - Pet food
 - Pet medication
 - Leashes and carriers
- Toiletries
- Disposable garbage bags
- Sanitizer, soap, PPE, and hygiene products
- Protect and store important documents including:
 - Legal documents such as wills and titles
 - Prescriptions
 - Medical records
 - Financial information and documentation
 - Additional IDs that may be of use
 - Digital backup storage devices
 - Any documentation of ownership
 - Receipts and tax information
 - Bills, backup keys, and mortgage information
- Secure any weaponry from potential damage or looting

Home Checklist:

- Board up your home's windows in a secure manner.
- Secure anything that may become loose during a storm and cause damage (grills, playsets, trampolines, etc.)
- Freeze a cup of water and place a penny on top to tell if your freezer has defrosted while you were evacuated.
- Move important and expensive things that will remain behind above the ground level.
- Document as much of your home and possessions as possible in its current state before leaving.
- Clear pathways for water to exit such as ditches and gutters.

- Test and replace any faulty batteries in carbon monoxide, smoke detectors, and security systems.
- Remove valuables from rooms with excessive windows, that are at risk of flooding, or becoming a victim to a falling tree.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Checklist for Staying in Your Home:

In addition to hurricane survival items, please remember to include things to help combat the **COVID-19 pandemic** such as:

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TGS Insurance Agency Contact Information

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 **1-800-846-1882**

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 **1-855-661-4056**

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Other Important Phone Numbers & Services

- Fema Phone: (800) 621-FEMA (3362)
- 2-1-1: Shelter, food and disaster services
- 7-1-1: Relay service
- 9-1-1: Emergency service
- 1-800-452-9292: TxDOT statewide road closures
- TxReady.org -> Disaster preparedness in Texas
- Drivetexas.org -> Flooded roads and conditions
- Ready.gov -> FEMA Prep tips & FAQs

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- Phone chargers that work in your car and outside of it
- A camera
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 - Clothing for the rain
 - An extra pair of clothes
- Disposable garbage bags
- Sanitizer, soap, and PPE

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- Test and replace any faulty batteries in carbon monoxide, smoke detectors, and security systems.
- Remove valuables from rooms with excessive windows, that are at risk of flooding, or becoming a victim to a falling tree.
- Place sensitive documents in something waterproof and portable.
- Cell phone chargers that work both through an electrical socket and secondary device.
- A portable cell phone charger.
- Note an emergency route through and out of your home should an evacuation become necessary.
- Purchase a generator and ensure it is in working condition including:
 - Usable oil
 - A full tank of fuel
 - Additional fuel
 - A safe, well-ventilated, outdoor area protected from the storm
- Secure supplies including:
 - Water (at least a week's supply)

- Non-perishable food
- Fully stocked freezers should you have alternative cooking methods such as:
 - A propane or charcoal grill
 - Gas stove
 - Propane for cooking and boiling water
 - Lighter fluid
- Healthcare products including:
 - Medication
 - Dentalcare (toothbrush, toothpaste, retainers, etc.)
 - Eyewear
- Bedding
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- Toiletries
- Disposable garbage bags
- Sanitizer, soap, PPE, and hygiene products
- Sanitation wipes, cleaning supplies, and bleach
- Matches and lighters
- A reflective vest
- A flashlight with working batteries
- A handheld radio with working batteries
- A first aid kit
- Ropes, zip ties, and electrical tape
- Lifejackets
- A tool bag with household tools including:
 - Wrenches
 - A small knife or Swiss army knife
 - A hammer
 - A crowbar
 - Screwdrivers
 - Duct tape
 - A tape measure
- Emergency handheld flares
- An ax in your attic should you become trapped from flooding
- If you are able, keep dry ice or large blocks of ice to help save perishable foods should your home lose electricity.

Plans to Consider When Preparing for a Hurricane:

Take a look at some of the considerations you and your family should plan for when you are preparing for a hurricane or tropical storm:

- Ensure that your evacuation route is clear from your home to the evacuation point.
- Discuss and develop alternative routes to help your party reach its evacuation point safely should your original plan become disrupted.
- Develop a rationing system to last at least 1 to 2 weeks as services may take an extended period of time to return depending on the damage.
- Have an additional ration plan for anything involving energy including fuel sources and the batteries used by your communication devices.
- If water begins to fill your home, know where to evacuate to and have a plan and supplies to maintain there for the duration of the storm.
- Have a method to safely secure and/or move potentially hazardous items such as fuel, electrical components, trees, compromised structures, generators, and more during and after a storm.
- Coordinate with neighbors for updating and communicating valuable information during the storm. Devise a plan to fill and deploy sandbags, clear drainage ditches, and remove debris if it is safe to do so under your present weather conditions.
- Plan space to put valuable and important items away from rooms with large amounts of windows and higher than the ground level in the event of flooding.
- Create a plan should you become separated from your family and have clear steps to follow within local guidelines to contact and reunite with your family.
- Prepare an evacuation strategy for anyone within your home with mobility issues or special needs.
- Know how to evacuate your pets and keep them safe throughout the event.
- Have a communications plan to protect yourself and your family from dangerous situations including perilous conditions, becoming trapped, and home invasion.
- In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, develop a plan for social distancing when evacuating or sheltering, how to evacuate someone who is infected, securing the proper cleaning supplies and PPE, and pay attention to local and global guidelines as they become available.

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