

EMERGENCY PREPARATION CHECKLIST

ITEMS TO HAVE ON HAND SURVIVAL KIT:

- Water- 1 gallon per person a day for 2 weeks
- 2 Weeks of survival food stored in plastic bins for easy transport- freezable dried food and ready to eat meals, nuts, peanut butter crackers, protein bars, canned goods, dried fruits and vegetables, any item that does not need refrigeration or cooking
- Infant formula, bottles and diapers
- Paper plates, cups, plastic utensils, paper towels
- Sanitation, hygiene items, feminine supplies- baby wipes, trash bags, general products
- Emergency blanket-waterproof, windproof, effectively reflects body heat to keep you warm even after extreme weather
- Tent
- Extra clothing
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Candles and matches
- Portable radio or tv- battery operated with extra batteries use to gauge situation in other areas, and be able to talk to others if you're stuck somewhere
- Cell phone and charger with pre-charged extra back up
- Cash **\$100-1,000 depending on needs/size of family banks and internet may be unavailable**
- Generator- extra gas in cans/propane tanks
- Shovel, pocket knife, pliers, multitool
- A whistle to signal for help
- Duct tape
- Bug spray
- Pen and notebook
- Books, games, puzzles, activities for children
- First aid kit and instructions
- Prescription medication
- Fire extinguisher
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper 8 drops to 1 gallon to disinfect water
- Pet needs

HAVE A PLAN:

- This is spelled out and distributed to everyone in the family well in advanced.
- Designate a place for all family members to meet. Make sure the meeting place is outside the impacted area.
- Keep your fuel tank filled in your car. Determine how much fuel you will need to reach your meeting place.
- Identify a contact person outside the affected area. Give their contact info to everyone in the family so they can serve as a point of contact if you get separated.

BUILD AN INVENTORY:

- Take pictures of rooms and important individual items
- Label pictures with a description, where you bought and make, model and serial number
- Create electronic file-personal finance software packages include homeowner's room-by-room inventory program.
- Store inventory, with receipts, of paper and electronic photos, lists, and files in a safety deposit box
- Expensive valuable items like jewelry, art, collectibles may have increased in value since received. Check with insurance agent to ensure adequately insured.

SHELTER INFORMATION:

- Website to locate current shelters open: <http://hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/stay-safe>
- Always check if the shelter is for high intensity storms and don't go unless local officials have announced openings
- General populations shelters do **NOT** provide food, water, cots or blankets
- Bring 1 gallon of water per person per day, non-perishable and easy to prepare food, bedding, pillows and blankets, medications, medical items, hearing aids, glasses, sanitation and personal hygiene items and baby supplies

PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS:

- Proof of current rabies vaccination and license for dogs/cats
- Pet must be on a leash or in a carrier
- A crate large enough for pet to stand up and turn around
- Cats need crate large enough to contain litter/food/water
- Crate, food, water, litter, treats, cleaning supplies and meds
- You are responsible for the care of your pet while in the shelter
- Cohabitation of pets and owners is not permitted
- If you are unable to meet these requirements; make other arrangements to shelter your pet

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS:

- For residents needing more skilled care than in a general shelter; including assistance from medical professionals, but not requiring an acute care facility such as a hospital
- Pre-register for the program, call The Special Needs Client Registration Line at 813-307-8063 and leave a voicemail or Hillsborough Info Line at 813-272-5900

CRITICAL PERSONAL DOCUMENTS (HARD AND DIGITAL COPY)

- Copy of home, auto, health insurance
- Insurance cards for each family member
- Wills, trust, deeds, birth certificates, social security cards, marriage license
- Bank account's numbers
- License, ID cards, passports and extra copies
- Medical records
- Personal and family records
- Family emergency contacts
- Computer hard drive back up of contacts if you get separated.