

Don't wait...

It's human nature to put things off. We all tend to do it. But when it comes to preparing for a hurricane, you can't wait. When the weather forecasters start talking about an impending storm, water, batteries, food, and other essential items start flying off of store shelves. Make plans now. Gather the items for your disaster supply kit today! Don't wait until it's too late.

Have a plan!

Evacuate or stay put? Sure, every situation may be different, but have a plan set. If you are going to evacuate, know where you are heading. Remember, lots of people will be heading in the same direction. If you're going to stay, do you have a "safe room" prepared in your home? How about a shelter? In the event of a disaster such as a hurricane, The Villages Charter Schools will be opened as shelters, and the Villages Elementary School on Rolling Acres Road is a "pet-friendly" shelter. Be prepared before disaster strikes.

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Hurricane Personal Preparedness:

Before the storm hits...



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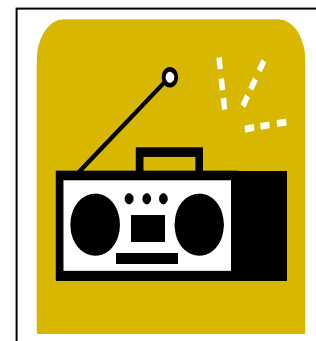
Personal Preparedness Checklist:

- ✓ Develop disaster and first aid supply kits
- ✓ Store loose out-door patio items / furniture
- ✓ Prune trees or weak / dead branches
- ✓ Place vital documents in waterproof containers
- ✓ Remove and secure valuables
- ✓ **Develop a plan for handling your pets!**
- ✓ Register physically challenged persons with the appropriate disaster management authorities
- ✓ Become familiar with the area's disaster plan and evacuation routes
- ✓ Prepare a safe room in your house
- ✓ Set a family rallying or meeting point
- ✓ Make an inventory of your home's contents – photos or video tape. Collectables need special attention!
- ✓ Check your insurance coverage. Is it adequate?
- ✓ **Develop a communication plan with relatives and friends NOW!**
- ✓ **CASH! Make sure it's small bills.**



Disaster Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications
- Basic first aid kit
- Cell phone with charged battery
- Non-perishable food
- Toiletries, hygiene supplies, toilet paper
- Drinking water / containers
- Flashlight and **batteries!**
- Portable radio and **batteries!**
- Plastic plates, dinnerware, cups
- Utensils / manual can opener
- Tarps / heavy-duty plastic or canvas
- Basic tool kit
- Trash bags
- **Duct tape!**
- Variety of containers and lids
- Clothing and rain gear
- Cash → small bills only!
- If pets: food, meds, leash, carrier, etc.
- **What can't you live without?**



Take some time and think!