

## **EVACUATION KIT... WHAT TO TAKE**

### **If you are evacuating to a public shelter**

Pack your essentials, but pack light as space is limited. It is possible you may only have a space that measures 5 feet by 2 feet. Remember, a public shelter is not a cruise ship, it is a life boat with the mission to save lives.

### **Suggested items for a “Go Bag”**

- Medications and copies of prescriptions
- Nonperishable food
- Special dietary food that is nonperishable
- Several gallons of drinking water to keep in your vehicle. A minimum of one gallon per person.
- Bedding for a small space
- Infant or child necessities (wipes, diapers, bottles)
- Personal hygiene items
- Change of clothes
- Eyeglasses
- Quiet games, toys or reading materials
- Important papers and valid ID
- Cash and a phone list

### **If you are evacuating to stay with friends or relatives or in a Host Home**

Take your “Go Bag” and ask in advance what kind of space you’ll have for your possessions and vehicles.

### **Prepare your home to leave**

Regardless of where you are evacuating, before you leave your home, be sure to do the following:

- Take your valuables and important papers with you
- Turn off all utilities (water, electricity, gas) at the main switch
- Lock windows and doors
- Fill your gas tank
- Advise friends or relatives of where you are going

## Hurricane Preparation Checklist

1. Remain calm and keep listening to local news for weather conditions, evacuation routes and nearest shelter locations.
2. Purchase in advance, bottled water, ice and non-perishable items, such as canned food, packaged food, paper and personal products, and manual can opener.
3. Do not leave pets unattended at the property. There are shelters and kennels that will board your pet in case of evacuation.
4. Obtain necessary prescriptions and medications and keep with you in the event of evacuation.
5. Keep flashlights and battery operated radio/TV handy with extra batteries.
6. Clean and fill bathtub with water.
7. ATMs will not be working in case of power outage. You'll want to make arrangements for cash needs.
8. In the event of power failure, turn off all appliances and keep refrigerator door closed. (Food will stay cool for 24 hours.)
9. Fill your vehicles gas tank before storm arrives.
10. Avoid downed power lines and report them to your local electric company as soon as possible.
11. Take refuge in a small interior room during the storm.
12. Keep all windows and doors closed through the storm. Do not crack a window or door during the storm. Draw your verticals and drapery materials over the windows to protect from the possibility of shattering glass.
13. Take your automobile and personal property insurance policies with you. Remember that the association insurance covers ONLY the building structure and not the contents or personal belongings.
14. All plants, furniture and other items from your patio should be moved indoors.