

STAY SAFE, FLORIDA!

Your Ultimate Senior Hurricane Readiness Checklist

Hello Friends! As your Florida neighborhood BOSS Brigade Advisor, I want to make sure we are completely prepared well before any storm knocks on our door. Hurricanes can be stressful, but taking these simple, clear steps right now will keep you safe, comfortable, and in control. Let's get ready together!

1. The "Big Three" Essentials (Stock Up Early)

Water & Hydration

- ☐ 7-Day Water Supply
Aim for 1 gallon of water per person per day (for drinking and basic washing).
- ☐ Extra Reusable Jugs
Fill clean pitchers, thermoses, or clean milk jugs with tap water if a storm is approaching.

Non-Perishable Food

- ☐ 7 Days of Easy Meals
Canned soups, tuna, crackers, protein bars, and oatmeal. Pick low-sodium items if needed!
- ☐ Manual Can Opener
Make sure it's durable and easy on your hands. Don't rely on electric openers!

Medications & Medical Equipment

- ☐ 30-Day Refill
Ask your doctor or pharmacist for an emergency storm refill if a watch is issued.
- ☐ Medical Log & Copies
Keep a printed list of all prescriptions, dosages, and doctor phone numbers.
- ☐ Power Backups
For oxygen, CPAP, or motorized scooters, plan a backup battery or register with the county power priority list.

2. Home Safety & Power Outage Comfort

Light & Communication

- ☐ Flashlights / LED Lanterns
Place one in every room. Avoid candles to prevent any accidental fires.
- ☐ Battery-Powered Radio
A portable NOAA weather radio lets you hear my updates even if cell towers go down!
- ☐ Fresh Batteries
Buy AA, AAA, and D batteries early. Store them in a clear ziplock bag.

Keeping Cool & Connected

- ☐ Portable Power Banks
Fully charge backup battery packs for your cell phone or tablet.
- ☐ Battery-Operated Fans
Small clip-on or handheld fans are a lifesaver if the air conditioning goes out.
- ☐ Freeze Water Bags
Fill zip bags with water and freeze them now. They keep food cold longer if power drops.

Important Meteorologist Tip on Electronics:

If you use a smartphone (like a Samsung Galaxy or iPhone), turn on "Power Saving Mode" as soon as the storm hits. Turn down your screen brightness to ensure your battery lasts for days, not hours!

3. Document Protection & Planning

The Waterproof "Grab Bag"

- ☐ Identification Copies
Driver's license, ID cards, and insurance papers.
- ☐ Property Papers
Condo/home insurance policies and association contact numbers.
- ☐ Emergency Cash
ATM machines won't work without power. Keep small bills (\$1, \$5, \$10) handy.

Your Plan: Shelter or Evacuate?

- ☐ Know Your Zone
Check if your building or area is in a flood evacuation zone.
- ☐ Special Needs Shelter
If you need medical assistance or electricity, register with your County Special Needs Shelter today.
- ☐ Gas Tank Filled
Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full all season long.

My Handy Quick-Reference Contact Sheet

Fill this out with a pen and place it inside your waterproof bag or stick it on your refrigerator!

Local Contact / Neighbor Name & Phone:

Primary Care Doctor & Pharmacy Number:

Out-of-Town Family Contact Name & Phone:

My Evacuation Plan / Destination:

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Seniors are strongly encouraged to sign up early with Rick Hogan of Velocity Services Group at 832-283-9317. Registering gives you ultimate peace of mind because if a hurricane hits our area, Velocity will make your property an immediate, frontline priority instead of leaving you stuck standing in a line alongside 10,000 other stranded homeowners. For coordinate assistance, you can also directly contact Lee of the BOSS Brigade!

Remember: Don't wait until a storm is in the Gulf or Atlantic! Preparing a little bit every week makes it stress-free. Stay tuned to local updates, look out for your neighbors, and let's have a safe, peaceful season!