

Household	Comments
55 gallon garbage can (for holding water to flush the toilets)	Also, consider 5-gallon buckets available from big-box hardware stores to gather water from pool to flush toilets.
Aluminum foil	
Baby supplies such as baby food, diapers, baby formula, bottles, medicines, etc.	
Batteries of various sizes to fit flashlights, radios, portable TVs	Be sure to test them in the lights, radios, etc. to ensure you have the right size. It's very easy to confuse "C" and "D" cell batteries!
Blankets	
Can opener - Manual	Having a second for backup is a very good idea!
Cash	Remember, banks and ATMs may be closed if we lose electricity. Get plenty of small bills!!!
Cell phone	Make sure it's fully charged. Also consider a separate high-capacity battery, such as the Juicebar, for recharging when no power is available.
Charcoal for grilling	NEVER grill indoors; always outside and away from your home.
Charcoal lighter fluid	
Clorox	1/4 tsp per gallon of water will help purify water in an emergency
Contact list of family and friends	Have a printed version in case your phone or tablet dies.
Coolers or Ice Chests: Coleman-type cooler to keep food cool	Consider having two coolers: One for ice and food that will be opened often, and one for just ice that can be kept shut except to remove ice.
Dry ice	Careful! Touching dry ice with the bare hands can cause severe burns!
Duct tape	
Eye glasses or contacts	Extra pair of glasses or contacts
Fan: battery operated	Available at sporting goods stores. Beware that these use a lot of batteries, but are worth their weight in gold when no other option is available.
Feminine hygiene products	
Garbage bags - Box of 30 or more	1.1 mil or stronger
Gas for car	Some extra gas on hand may be worth its weight in gold. If you have a generator, be sure to have sufficient gas for the duration you expect to use the generator. Be very careful when storing gasoline around your garage or home!
Ice: Several bags for daily use	
Lights: Area lights for stairs, bathrooms, etc.	The Coleman Micropacker is a great, low-intensity area light.
Matches	

Mops and buckets for clean-up	
Paper plates and cups	This reduces water needed for washing plates and cups
Paper towels	You'll probably use a lot of these as you'll probably be eating at home and cleaning after the storm.
Pillows	
Plastic sheeting or drop clothes	Plastic garbage bags can be cut along the seams and use in a pinch.
Pre-moistened towelettes	
Propane tanks for gas grill	
Radio: Battery operated AM/FM/NOAA Weather radio	For weather radios, consider one with a long (~12") antenna; especially if you live more than 20 miles from the transmitter.
Shoes or boots: Hiking boots or walking shoes	
Sleeping bags	
Solar shower	Purchase at sporting good stores. Hang the container from a tree and enjoy a hot shower.
Sterno	For outdoor food preparation. Do not use indoors!
Thermos for keeping beverages hot	
Toilet paper	
TV - Battery operated	Be sure to test your TV since the new digital signals may not travel as far as they did with the old analog-based transmitters.
Twelve volt to 120 volt AC inverter	
Water bottles	Partially fill plastic one-liter or larger soft drink bottles with water and place in freezer. The bottles will freeze without cracking. (They have stronger plastic than one gallon water bottles.) If the power goes out the frozen water will help keep the freezer cool. When the ice melts the water will stay in the container and you still have drinkable water. Do not use milk bottles; Its almost impossible to get all the milk out.
Water purification tablets	Purchase at sporting goods supply stores
Water: Cooking. The Red Cross recommends at least one half gallon per person per day for seven days.	This may be best in large containers (that have been sterilized before filling) or five gallon containers.
Water: Drinking. The Red Cross recommends at least one half gallon per person per day for seven days.	Consider purchasing individual bottles (such as Ozarka). This reduces waste and dirty drinking cups by allowing everyone to have their own bottle.
Water: Other water (for flushing toilet, washing hands, bathing). Pool water is great for flushing toilets.	A 30 gallon plastic trash bag can transform a dirty trash can into an acceptable container of wash water.
Waterless hand cleaner / Sanitizer	
Ziplock bags	

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Auto & Evacuation	Comments
!Fill vehicle with gas early and keep the tank full	Expect stations along your route to be out of gas.
!Medical information and prescription drug info	
12volt to 120 volt inverter	Ensure it is of sufficient wattage to charge laptop
Alarm clock	
Back pack	To carry items in case you have to leave the car.
Blanket	
Butane lighter	
Candy	
Cap with a bill to help keep the rain out of your eyes	
Cell phone with full battery	Mobile charger would be very helpful.
Check oil	
Check tire pressure, including spare	
Collapsible umbrella	
Disk player or laptop with DVD player	
Duct tape	For miscellaneous repairs. Get only high-quality tape, such as 3M or Scotch. Cheap tape will ooze out the adhesive when exposed to summer heat.
Fill windshield washer and all other fluid reservoirs	
Fire extinguisher	
Fix-A-Flat	A flat tire could be real trouble at a time like this. Two cans are highly recommended during an evacuation.
Flares or light sticks	
Flashlight	Be sure to have an extra set of fresh batteries.
Food and snacks	Be sure to pack your cooler in the trunk last so it is easily accessible.
Gasoline--full tank	You may get stuck in traffic like the Houston Rita evacuation. Many people were stuck in their cars for hours!
Gloves	
GPS and power cord	
Hammer	
Handkerchief	To wipe off face or clean glasses.
Hex keys	
Hotel list for places to stay along route. If you have pets, check for pet friendly hotels ahead of time.	
Insect repellent	
Jumper cables	
Kleenex	

Leatherman universal tool	Great for making emergency repairs
Maps	Maps of local area, county and state. The more, the better!
Pack smart!	Keep the emergency supplies and maps within easy reach. Ensure food and water is can be accessed with minimum effort
Paper towels	You may be eating in the car. Paper towels are essential!
Pillows	
Pocket knife	
Power Bars or similar meal replacement bars	
Radio: Portable battery powered	If you are unable to use your car radio, a portable may be useful.
Rain jacket or poncho	
Reading material for yourself, family and kids	If you get stuck in a shelter, you may have a LOT of time on your hands.
Rope: Nylon	This may be necessary to rescue someone from the water--or maybe yourself!
Screwdrivers - Flat blade and Phillips	
Secure home for storm	Refer to Shelter in Place tab for appropriate actions to be taken before you leave, such as secure loose outdoor items
Shoes: Old shoes that you don't mind ruining	
Sleeping bags w/foam pad	
Small first aid kit	
Small metal file	
Socket drivers	
Socks	Extra socks in case you get wet feet
Sports-style water bottle	
Toilet paper	If you can find a bathroom, the toilet paper will probably be long gone!
Tools	Various tools for emergency repairs
Towels	It may be raining when you make your exit, and there's a chance you may have to get out of the car at some point. Also, if it's really hot, it may be good to be able to dry off the perspiration.
Umbrella	Preferably a strong, dependable one
Walkie talkies	Get the style that uses replaceable (not rechargeable) batteries, so you can change them out while on the road. Great for communicating between cars if you evacuate with others.
Wash clothes (wet) in zip lock bags	
Water and soft drinks	Many people died of heat-related illnesses during Hurricane Rita evacuations. Stay well hydrated
Whistle	Whistles will last longer and louder than your lungs

Zip lock bags	For sensitive items (such as wallet) if you have to get out in water.
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First Aid	Comments
!Get fresh supplies of all prescription medicine (and don't forget medicines for babies and pets)	One week supply at a minimum. One month is better.
!The "First Aid at a Glance" guide from the Red Cross, or similar.	
Adhesive tape	
Afrin	Nasal decongestant
After Bite (for relief of itching)	
Alcohol: Isopropyl	
Alka Seltzer (or other antacids)	
Baby Oil	
Bactine	
Baking soda (makes a good paste to put on insect stings).	
Bandage scissors	With rounded safety tips
Benadryl	
Blood Pressure Kit	
Box of assorted sizes of band aids	
Butterfly bandages	Useful for broken or sprained arm
Calamine lotion	
Chap stick	
Cold medicines	
Cold pack	
Contact lens supplies	
Cotton balls	
Cotton swabs	
Cough drops	
Cough syrup	
Decongestant	
Diarrhea medication (such as Imodium AD)	Stress and new foods may bring on diarrhea.
Disposable safety razor	
Dressing - 2"x4"	
Dressing - 4"x4"	
Dust mask	
Ear plugs	
Emetrol	Nausea medication
Eye dressing	
Eye pads	
Eye wash	

Eyeglass repair kit	
Glass eye cup	To wash out dust or debris from eye
Grooming kit	
Hand sanitizer	
Hand soap	
Headache medicines	
Hot pack	
Hydrogen Peroxide	
Insect repellent - Adult	Those containing DIET work best for adults. Consult warning label regarding use of DIET on children.
Latex gloves	
Leatherman universal tool	
Lip balm	
Listerine	
Magnifying glass	To repair glasses, find splinters
Milk of magnesia	
Murine	
Nail clippers	
Nail file/emery board	
Needle	For removing splinters
Oil of Cloves	For toothache pain
Pain Medicines	Advil, aspirin, Aleve, etc.
Quarters	For pay phones
Safety Pins	
Salt	Get the little packets from a fast food restaurant to use as a salt gargle.
Sanitary napkins (can double as bandages)	
Scissors	
Sewing kit	
Small bars of soap	Hotel size works great for limited shower use
Small flashlight	
Small mirror	Can also be used as an emergency signaling device
Sterile gauze pads in several sizes, and especially big sizes.	Get the ones that are individually wrapped so the rest remain sterile.
Sun screen	
Sunburn ointment	
Suntan lotion	This is really important. If you end up working outdoors to make repairs, a sunburn is very annoying when there's no air conditioning!

Temporary splint	
Thermometer	
Three inch sterile gauze roll	
Tissues	
Toilet paper	
Toothbrush & paste	
Triangle Bandage	
Tums	
Tweezers	
Two-inch sterile gauze roll	
Tylenol Extra Strength	
Vaseline petroleum jelly	
Vicks Day Care	
Vicks nasal inhaler	
Vicks Vaporub	
Whistle	
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Food	Comments
Applesauce	
Bread	
Buttermilk	
Canned fruit	
Canned juice concentrates that don't require refrigeration	
Canned soups	
Cans of evaporated milk	
Cereal	
Cheeses	
Chewing gum	
Coffee	Consider a camper coffee pot that can be used on a stove
Cookies	
Dried fruits	
Eggs	
Fresh Fruits	
Gatorade or other sports drinks	
Hard candy	
Honey	
Instant coffee	
Instant tea	
Jelly	
Jiffy Pop	Can be popped on the grill
Marshmallows	Both treats and entertainment when cooking outside
Mayonnaise	Get the little packets from a restaurant. Once mayonnaise is opened, it MUST be refrigerated or it can cause serious food poisoning!
Measuring Cup	
Mustard	
Packaged sliced meats (turkey, ham, etc.)	
Pancake mix (the kind that requires water only)	
Peanut butter	
Peanuts, cashews, almonds, etc.	But remember, the more salty foods you eat, the more you drink
Pinto beans	
Pork and Beans	
Potato chips or other snacks with sandwiches	
Powdered milk	
Power Bars or other meals in a bar	

Protein Bars	
Raisins	
Red wine	Good at room temperature
Rice	
Rotel's Diced Tomatoes & Chile Peppers	
Saltine Crackers	
Soft drinks	
Spaghetti	
Spaghetti sauce	
Tortillas	
Vegetables	
Vitamins	
Wheat Thins	
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Tools	Comments
Cap or hat	
Drills and saws: Cordless	Be sure to charge batteries before the power goes out!
Duct tape	Absolutely worth its weight in gold for home repairs
Fire extinguishers	
Fix-a-Flat aerosol	
Flashlights	Also take extra batteries - MAGLITE makes a great, durable flashlight!
Gloves	
Hammer	
Head mount light	
Helmet	
Jacket / waterproof jacket	
Nails for repairs	Get several different sizes
Rain suit or poncho	
Screwdrivers: Miscellaneous	
Screws for repairs	Get several different sizes
Tape measure	
Tree saw for cutting fallen limbs	
Waterproof boots	
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Pets	Comments
Bowls for feeding and watering	
Dog and/or cat food	
Treats	
Extra prescription medications for your pet	
Kitty litter for cats	
Leash and collar	
News papers for pets to use in the house	
Pet carrier	You will need this at a shelter or perhaps family member's home
Picture of pet in case it gets lost	
Towels to dry your pet off when he decides to go outside in the rain	
Tranquilizers or motion sickness medication for pets	Check with your veterinarian to see if you can use Dramamine for your dog.
Water for your pet	Make sure you keep your pets well hydrated in the heat--especially those not used to the outdoors.
Vaccination papers and medical history	You will need this material if you have to leave your pet at a kennel.
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To Do	Comments
Board or shutter windows	Plylox hurricane clips are best for houses with a brick exterior. Be sure to read the instructions thoroughly before using. Different intensity storms require a different number of clips and spacing. ALWAYS wear gloves when handling hurricane clips as they are VERY sharp!
Bring emergency repair tools into the house before the arrival of the storm	
Bring in outdoor pets	If you have outdoor pets, make sure you bring them in so you don't have to search for them before the storm.
Charge all cell phones	
Charge batteries on emergency repair tools (drills, saws, etc.)	
Clean tubs thoroughly and fill with water to use for personal hygiene and toilet flushing	Check the tubs ahead of time to ensure the stopper is not leaking. If so, use a bit of calk to temporarily seal it.
Cover emergency supplies and/or generator in garage to protect them from water damage	If flooding is possible, be sure to get your generator, gas, and critical supplies up off the floor and out of flood water.
Park vehicles away from trees or poles that could fall in a storm	
Place emergency food in waterproof container and move up from floor level	
Secure trampoline	A trampoline is almost guaranteed to become airborne in a hurricane, and can do considerable damage to your home or a neighbors. Remove the tarp from your trampoline, and flip the base upside down. Store the trampoline tarp indoors.
Remove anything outdoors that could fly in the wind	If you have a pool and don't have enough room for lawn furniture in the garage, consider carefully placing it in the pool.
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Priority Order	Action Items	Comments	His Tasks Duration	Her Tasks Duration
1	Gas up vehicles		0.50	
2	Get gas cans and gasoline for generators		0.50	
3	Obtain cash	Get some small denominations		0.25
4	Take shopping list and get supplies			2.00
5	Get additional Plylox hurricane window clips	We need 2 more packs		0.50
6	Move plywood out of garage	Stage by windows	0.50	
7	Move lawn furniture into garage	Put chairs into pool	0.75	
8	Charge power tools		0.25	
9	Put up plywood on windows		3.00	3.00
10	Fuel up and test generators		1.00	
11	Bring out lanterns and emergency lights		0.50	
12	Clean out ice chests			0.25
13	Print out contact list for family and friends	In case cell phone runs down		0.25
14	Charge cell phones			0.25
15	Put emergency "go bag" in truck		0.25	
16	Move vehicles into garage		0.25	
17	Turn off power before storm arrives		0.25	
	Total Prep Time Required		7.75	6.50