

EMERGENCY CHECK LIST- THINGS TO HAVE and/or CONSIDER FOR SEVERE STORM PREPARATION OR EVACUATING prepared by Joe Patek

Note – IMPORTANT :

- 1) DO NOT expect others to do what you can do for yourself !
Those that prepare for themselves survive- those that don't will suffer the consequences.
- 2) Emergency Services will NOT be available. Emergency Responders
DO NOT respond until it is safe to do so. YOU WILL BE ON YOUR OWN !!!!
- 3) If you intend to evacuate – beat the crowds... traffic will be at a stand still
- 4) If you intend to go to a shelter... GO PREPARED !!!!! Do NOT expect others
feed you, provide for your comfort, entertain you, etc etc etc
Expect a shelter to be a crowded, noisy, uncomfortable, unpleasant experience.
- 5) It may take days, weeks, months, or even years for things to go back to normal.
The better prepared you are, the better off you will be.
- 6) Emergencies often bring out the best and worse in people
Take your personal security very seriously, however, be as helpful as you
possibly can to others in need. Survival is a Team Sport !!!!!!!
- 7) Prepare for and expect the worse case scenario - then hope and pray for the best.

THE FOLLOWING LISTS ARE MERELY A GUIDE TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR
EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS -- edit to your own personal needs and circumstances

These lists -- keep a copy in a safe place

Important Info – insurance papers, policy numbers (home and auto)
important phone numbers, etc etc etc

Cash and Change -- Bank ATM's may not work... have plenty of cash on hand.

Cell Phone and all battery chargers

Insurance Papers - and/or policy numbers/ phone numbers/ etc

Generator - test / fill gas cans

Food (basic pots and pans ** remember a “manual” can opener)

Coffee and creamer

Water / ice

Sodas

Coolers and thermoses

Pet food - leashes, snacks etc

EATING NEEDS : paper plates, cups, plastic, forks and knives, MANUAL can opener,
Paper towels, napkins

First Aid Kit - with everything you may need.

Medicines - including aspirin, neosporin, prescription, etc (at least one week's supply)

Bedding - sleeping bags, pillows , blankets * bug spray, suntan lotion

Stationary - Pens, paper, pencils, etc

Stamps and envelopes

Cameras- digital, video camera, 35mm / disposable cameras

Phone book -- personal contacts, phone book, ***** insurance numbers / etc)

Coleman stove (and fuel) - basic utensils and pots and pans

Coleman lantern – and fuel

Paper towels / wet wipes

Clothing - including rain gear and umbrellas
Bug Spray
Toiletries etc (toilet paper, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, waterless hand cleaner, wet wipes etc)
Emergency toilet - bucket, kitty litter, toilet paper
Flashlights – batteries. “Battery-less” flashlights
Batteries - several types and sizes
Portable TV
Radios
Walkie Talkies
Matches and lighters / candles
Guns & ammo @ utility knives - take with you, or secure properly
Cigarettes if a smoker
Entertainment – radio, games , deck of cards, etc
Plastic Bags - all sizes !!!!!!!
Towels (paper and cloth)
Jewelry / Glasses / sun glasses
Pictures, videos etc
CD's - computer CD's, disks
Tools - basic and Ryobi battery powered
Tarps and Viscreen – to cover your important items // also to temp repair leaks
Tape- masking, duct tape
Generator - extra fuel, cords, power strips, etc. ** MUST have a carbon monoxide
Detector in home whenever a generator is being used nearby !!!

PETS

Identification Tag
Pet food (at least one week supply)
Food and water dish
Pet Carriers
Proof of Vaccinations – MUST HAVE A COPY WITH YOU re: Shelters
Pet’s veterinarian’s phone number, address, etc

VEHICLE RELATED : check for : a) extra gas b) oil c) portable air compressor pump
d) radiator fluid e) jumper cables f) can of flat repair g) extra keys
h) Insurance papers

THINGS TO SECURE

Computers (power off (unplug) , cover or move to protected area, etc)
Music Stuff - cover, unplug, protect, etc
Pictures, Videos, CD’s, DVD’s etc - take ?, or cover and protect
Vehicles left behind - lock, make sure windows closed, car cover if available
Wall things - take down pictures / secure loose items
Remove or secure things on shelves, etc

HOUSE (In case of violent storm or evacuating) – REFER TO ABOVE LISTS

* NOTE- a) Let people know where you're going and how to reach you
b) Determine and provide a 3rd party contact person and
phone number (preferably out of state) that you and others can
leave messages, receive messages, share info, etc etc etc .

Turn off air conditioner
Shut Off main water supply to house
Turn off MAIN SWITCH at electric panel box
Lock and/or secure all windows and doors
Board windows, doors, etc if you haven’t done so already