

Preparing for a Disaster 5 days prior
From a Homeowner's point of view

Day 5 - Go over the plan that we have made for our family and make sure we are prepared to evacuate or stay depending on what we will hear from authorities and stay tuned to the Weather forecast. Meanwhile, I will put up our shutters, I will make sure I leave one opening available so in case of an emergency I will be able to get out of my house without a struggle. I will put away anything that is not tied down from the lanai and front porch. Make sure our generator is working properly and we have gas for it. Get Gas in our cars and keep them full at all times. Make Sure the Red/Green Ribbons are easily accessible by the front door. Wait to hear from the Telephone Tree that has been set by my Zone Leader.

Day 4 – Check my disaster kit supplies

These are things that I've included for my safety and well-being.

First Aid Supplies

Prescription medication and Non-prescription

Sanitation/Hygiene supplies – moist towelettes

**Equipment/tools – Weather Radio, extra batteries
Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, Generator,
flashlights, fire extinguisher, dust mask, whistle to signal
for help. Garbage bags/ties for sanitation. Camera,
Charcoal/propane for grills and spray paint**

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Clothing & Bedding – complete set of clothing & bedding

Documents & Keys – personal I.D., get cash from bank, credit cards, Photocopies of birth certificate, marriage certificate, Driver’s license, social Security Cards, Passports, wills/ deeds. Extra set of house & car keys. Insurance Company Policies. I have photocopied the above and made a video of all the rooms in my house, plus taken a video of the outside of the house. This has been sent to my daughter out of State, just in case everything here would be lost in the disaster, I would still have a copy for the Insurance Companies or Govt. Agencies.

Pet Supplies – extra food, cleaning supplies, Pet carrier, medication & pet first aid supplies, medical records, leashes and collars. Pet dishes and toys.

Listen to my Weather Radio and T.V. to make a decision on whether we will evacuate or stay home. Go over the options of local shelters with pet facilities or whether we will go to a motel out of the area or to our family. Also, Maps of evacuation routes. I will notify my Zone Captain if I’m staying or evacuating. I will also notify her if I have any emergency equipment available.

Go to the Store and make sure we have 1 gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation for at least three days. Purchase food that is non-perishable - a 3-day supply A can opener to open canned food. Purchase paper cups, paper plates, plastic knives, forks & spoons. Have available a Cooler for ice and food.

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Day 3 – Develop a family communications Plan and a number that we all agree on to get info about one another. This will be given to our neighbors here or friends so they can check on us if necessary.

Inform our family of our plans and let them know we will get in touch with them just as soon as possible so as not to worry them. Let them know where we will be and telephone numbers to contact our neighbors if they can't reach us.

Call neighbors to see which have stayed and exchange any information we might need as their phone number or cell-phone number and give them ours and where we will be if we leave. We will also give them the number that we have discussed with our family so they can check on us if necessary. Plan on helping each other after the Disaster.

Day – 2 - If staying, load the car with valuable information Pictures, etc. Keep listening to T.V. and weather stations to see if anything has changed.

**Prepare an inside room with bedding, cards, books
Radio and anything else that will keep us calm and
Relaxed. Have food available – nuts, fruit, drinks
Make sure we have access to our Disaster Kit
supplies**

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Day – 1 Put a 4X4 against our garage door & back our cars up to the 4X4. We will make sure our drop down Stairs in the garage is secured with a steel rod as to not open during a storm.

Go to the inside room and take cell phone and try to stay calm until the storm has subsided. Do not go outside until the Disaster is over.

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