Hurrikane PREPERATION

First rule: stay calm!

Hurricanes are very common in Florida. There are about 14-21 tropical storm per year. Some of them develop to a hurricane. If there is a forecast for a hurricane, you should be prepared. Following we'll explain how you prepare for a hurricane. We suggest that you will stay in touch with your property management. Please be aware, if you stay at your house, it'll be at your own risk, there is no legal entitlement against your landlord in case of an evacuation.

How to prepare:

- Prepare your emergency kit (48 hours before the hurricane hits)
- Freeze as much water bottles as possible (in case of power failure, you'll be able to keep your drinks and food cold in your cooler)
- put all your loose objects, like outdoor furniture and trash cans from outside in a safe spot inside (house or garage)
- put up your shutters (please contact your property management for more information)
- to check your freezer function put a glass of water in the freezer, as soon as it's frozen put a coin on the ice. If the freezer loses power over night, the coin will sink to the bottom of the glass, and you shouldn't eat the food from the freezer.
- Put a towel in front of your freezer (if the freezer loses power over time, the towel will prevent damage on your floor and danger of slipping
- Fill up your bathtub, buckets, watering can etc. with tab water. (please don't use it to flush your toilets, use pool water instead)

Questions for your property management:

- How am I able to open the garage door in case of power shortage? _____
- Where is the next emergency shelter? _____
- Which evacuation zone do I have? _____
- Does my insurance cover in case of a hurricane? _____
- How can I shut off power, gas and water? _____
- Is there a power generator? _____

Please don't use a match or a lighter after a hurricane. There could be damages on gas pipes.

Hurricane
PREPERATION

YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY HAVE THESE THINGS IN THE HOUSE (EMERGENCY KIT):

For your personal belongings:
- Water: 1 gallon per person/day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food: durable, easy to prepare meals (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- can-opener
- cooler
- water treatment tablets (f.e.: Amazon.com: Water Purification Tablets)
- water canister (f.e.: Amazon.com: WaterStorageCube 4x5,3Gal for $50)
- laundry detergent and dish soap
- hygiene products and personal care items
- needed medication for 7 days
- first aid kit and germicide
- phone and charger, charge all your devices prior
- poncho and sturdy shoes
- clean towels and underwear for 7 days
- toilet paper (stock for 2 weeks)
- paper plates, paper cups and disposable cutlery
- paper towels (stock for 2 weeks)

House and technic:
- bleach
- flashlight, charge in advance if needed
- clockwork radio or a radio with batteries (radio-controlled weather, if possible)
- batteries, power bank (with solar cell – the sun shines after every storm in Florida)
- Leatherman, scissors, duct tape, cable ties or tension belt, work gloves
- Full gas canister
- Spare gas bottle for your grill
- Canvas cover (to cover damages)
- Trash bags
- Whistle
- Car and house key (important if you have a smart home)

Documents:
- Copies of your personal documents (medication list and medical informations, proof of address, deed, rental contract, passports, birth certificate, proof of insurance
- Cash (ATMs and card payment won't work after a power cut)
- Streetmap of your current location (navigation systems or phones won't work after a power cut)
- Family and emergency contact information

Kids and pets:
- Board and card games
- Snacks for kids
- Baby food, diapers, wet wipes
- Food supplements/medication
- Pet food and adequate drinking water

ALWAYS MORE THAN YOU *expect.*