



EVACUATION PLANNING

Evacuation can be a slow, frustrating, time consuming experience. Executed properly, however, it is not dangerous. Evacuees generally exercise extreme caution in traffic because they do not wish to lose their means of transportation. During evacuation, should weather conditions deteriorate, US 1 will close and Monroe County officials will move remaining evacuees into the safest available structures. Remember these important points prior to evacuating:

- ◆ Be prepared to leave as soon as ordered to do so
- ◆ Confirm your destination prior to leaving
- ◆ Take detailed maps of areas around your destination and along your evacuation route
- ◆ Monitor local media for important information from Emergency Management
- ◆ Keep your vehicle's gas tank filled
- ◆ Check all fluid levels in your vehicle
- ◆ Check your spare tire and tire changing equipment
- ◆ Take an adequate supply of food and water
- ◆ Take sufficient cash for approximately 10 days

Dangerous winds and rain often precede a hurricane by many hours. Once evacuation is announced, no trailers, boats or high profile vehicles will be allowed on US 1. When the evacuation is underway, officials will remove these vehicles from traffic.

WHAT TO TAKE YOUR PERSONAL HURRICANE KIT

WATER: One gallon per person, per day, for three days.

FOOD: Nonperishable, no cooking required meats (i.e., ready-to-eat); fruits; vegetables; canned juices; high energy foods such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix and other snack foods. Special dietary food. Pet food. Manual can opener, paper cups and plates, plastic eating utensils. Portable ice chest and ice.

BABY SUPPLIES

Clothes, diapers, formula, bottles, food, blanket.

MEDICATION, FIRST AID SUPPLIES

First aid kit and medications, both prescription and non-prescription.

IMPORTANT PAPERS

Name, address and telephone number of nearest relative not living in area. Personal identification, valuable papers (birth certificate, marriage license, passport, will, etc.). Cash, Government credit card, personal credit cards, and insurance policies.

PETS

Take your pets. Pet-friendly hotels are available in the Orlando area. Bring up-to-date shot records.

MISCELLANEOUS

Games, cards, toys, battery radio, batteries.

PRIOR TO RETURN TO KEY WEST

Fully restock hurricane kit prior to returning, as electricity may not yet be restored. You and your family may need the food and water in your hurricane kit. Items to have on hand: washcloths, towels, towelettes, personal hygiene products, bedding items and cots, tools, etc.

Hurricane Categories

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winds</i>	<i>Damage</i>
Cat 1	74-95 mph	Minimal
Cat 2	96-110 mph	Moderate
Cat 3	111-130 mph	Extensive
Cat 4	131-155 mph	Extreme
Cat 5	155-higher	Catastrophic

COR - 5 Normal condition set at the beginning of hurricane season (1 Jun-30 Nov).

COR - 4 Path of storm or hurricane is fairly well established. Destructive force winds (74 mph) expected within 72 hours.

COR - 3 Storm or hurricane has a definite path. Expect destructive force winds within 48 hours.

COR - 2 Expect destructive force winds and weather within 24 hours.

COR - 1 Storm or hurricane with destructive force winds are expected within 12 hours.