## **STOCK UP**

Stock up on emergency supplies now and replenish your stash as needed. Here are a few tips to keep in mind.

## **REFRESH EMERGENCY STASH**

Note what you currently have or will need. Review expiration dates as well.

### **DODGE THE FRENZY**

It will be hard to find what you need once a serious storm is announced. Stock up now.

#### **BUDDY UP**

Share what you can with your neighbors. Have a buddy plan ready to go.

## YOUR GO.BAG

During the hurricane season you'll want to have a "Go-Bag" ready so you can hit the road at a moment's notice, just in case an emergency evacuation is ordered.



## **EMERGENCY STASH**

#### WATER

One gallon per person per day for 7 days. Same rule applies for pets.

## **EMERGENCY ITEMS**

2 flashlights, standard battery types, a whistle, and a hand cranked weather radio.

#### **FOOD**

Stock dry snacks, peanut butter, and canned foods. Don't forget a can opener!

### **DAILY HYGIENE**

Have travel kits, tooth care, and bath tissue.

#### **FIRST AID**

Standard kit, alcohol wipes, daily prescriptions, and disinfectant.

## **TOOL KIT**

Hammer & assorted nails, screwdriver & assorted screws, duct tape, and rope.

#### SECURING YOUR HOME

Board windows with correct size or "cut to use" plywood. Keep plastic tarps in case of roof or ceiling damage.

#### **SEE DETAILED LIST AT**

rediscover.yourblvd.com/hurricane



## **PROTECT** YOUR PETS

Have carriers, leashes, and ID collars for your furry loved ones, along with medications, and a week's worth of food and water.

Keep a recent photo on hand in case you are separated.

If your animals get spooked easily, consider a muzzle or calming vest.

#### **ADOPT**·A·DRAIN

Houston's Adopt-a-Drain program allows you to help prevent future flooding, save taxpayers' dollars and keep our neighborhood storm drains clean and litter free. The program was one of the innovative solutions presented at the 2017 Houston Hackathon.

#### SIGN UP AT

cohegis.houstontx.gov/cohgisweb/adopta

## **PRE·STORM CHECKLIST**

There may not be much time between an official storm threat announcement and when it actually hits. We want you to be as safe and prepared as possible, so review your preparations with our pre-storm checklist.

- Evaluate your stay at home stash.
- Securely board and brace all windows.
- Trim trees and large limbs facing your home.
- Have dead trees removed before the storm arrives to avoid damage to you or your neighbor's home.
- Bring outdoor furniture and grills inside.
- Secure garage doors and windows.
- Seal openings to the outside to prevent water from coming into the house.
- Secure garbage cans.
- Keep refrigerator on coldest setting, keeping food fresh if power is lost.
- Turn off and unplug everything else: TVs, pool pumps, lower satellite dish, etc.
- Fuel generators and fill your vehicle's tank.



# DO

Refresh emergency stash.

Monitor media for emergency instructions.

Secure and brace all windows/openings.

Trim tree branches.

Set your fridge to its



Keep away from glass, windows, and doors.
Stay alert of lightning.

coldest setting.

Track the storm via radio or cell phone.

Have cell phones charged, but power off until needed.



officials say it is safe.
Report dangerous hazards to 311 or Centerpoint.

Photograph property damage.

Cover/secure damage to avoid worse damage.

# DON'T

**Don't** panic. Stay calm for yourself and little ones.

**Don't** drive unless it is 100% necessary.

**Don't** wait until the last minute to gather supplies.

**Don't** forget to charge cell phones and tablets.

Don't leave the safety of your home, strong winds pick up quickly.

**Don't** use any of your plug-in appliances during the storm.

**Don't** use your shower until the storm has fully passed.

**Don't** report outages. Centerpoint is focused on dangerous road hazards.

**Don't** venture into flood waters, they may contain hidden threats, avoid if you can!

**Don't** drink tap water until deemed safe to do so.

