

Evacuation Kit

If you are evacuating to a public shelter: Pack your essentials, but pack light as space is limited. It is possible you may only have a space that measures 5 feet by 2 feet. Remember, a public shelter is not a cruise ship, it is a life boat with the mission to save lives.

Suggested items for a “go bag”:

- Medications and copies of prescriptions
- Nonperishable food
- Special nonperishable dietary food
- Several gallons of drinking water to keep in your vehicle. A minimum of one gallon per person per day.
- Bedding for a small space
- Infant or child necessities (wipes, diapers, bottles)
- Personal hygiene items
- Change of clothes
- Eyeglasses
- Quiet games, toys or reading materials
- Important papers and valid ID
- Cash
- Phone list



If you are evacuating to stay with friends or relatives or in a host home:

Take your “go bag” and ask in advance what you can bring for food and water and what kind of space you’ll have for your possessions and vehicles.

Prepare your home when you leave:

Regardless of where you are evacuating, before you leave your home, be sure to do the following:

- Take your valuables and important papers
- Turn off all utilities (water, electricity, gas) at the main switch
- Lock windows and doors
- Fill your gas tank
- Advise friends or relatives of where you are going

Document Checklist

Personal papers to take with you:

- Driver’s license or ID card
- Important numbers and emergency contacts
- Credit cards and list of creditors
- Medical records and blood type
- Prescription information (list medications, dosages, prescription numbers, etc.)
- Cash
- Bank account numbers
- List of savings and investments, including CDs, stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- Household inventory: paper copy, photos, video tape or computer disk
- List of insurance policies with company names, policy types and policy numbers
- Doctor’s contact information
- Copy of wills, trust documents and living wills
- Titles for your house, car and other property
- Birth, marriage, divorce, death and adoption certificates and passports
- List of advisors, such as accountant, attorney and religious leader
- Education and military records
- Other special papers that would be difficult or impossible to replace if lost

Survival Kit

If you are staying home during a hurricane: Here’s a list of items to consider for your survival kit. Keep items in airtight plastic bags or containers. Replace stored water every six months and double-check battery expiration dates.

Suggested items for a “stay kit”

- One-week supply of fluids to drink and food that requires no cooking
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Nuts, beef jerky and trail mix
- Raisins, peanut butter and granola bars
- Formula or baby food
- Canned juices or sports drinks
- One gallon of water per person per day
- Non-electric can opener
- Utility knife
- Cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cooler and ice
- Pet food

Sanitation

- Portable toilet (5-gallon bucket, heavy trash bags, chlorine bleach)
- Toilet paper and moist towelettes
- Feminine supplies
- Personal hygiene items

Kids’ supplies and entertainment

- Favorite nonperishable snacks
- Powdered milk
- Stuffed animal or favorite toy
- Blanket and pacifier
- Diapers and wipes
- Card and board games
- Books for all ages

First aid supplies

- Adhesive bandages, gauze pads and tape
- Soap and antibacterial hand gel
- Antiseptic
- Latex gloves, scissors and tweezers
- Thermometer
- Sunscreen
- Over-the-counter pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medicine/laxative
- Anti-itch cream

Clothing and bedding

- One complete change of clothing and shoes per person
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Rain gear
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Sunglasses

Tools and emergency supplies

- Flashlight and lanterns
- Battery-operated radio
- Extra batteries
- Matches or lighter in a waterproof container
- Compass and local maps with shelter locations
- A shut-off wrench and other tools
- Paper and pencil
- Plastic sheeting and tarps
- Elastic cords or rope
- Insect repellent

Important Contact Information

Pinellas County Information (727) 464-3000 / V/TDD (727) 464-4062 www.pinellascounty.org
Pinellas County Emergency Management (727) 464-3800 www.pinellascounty.org/emergency
Pinellas County Citizens Information Center ** (727) 464-4333 / TDD (727) 464-3075
Find Your Evacuation Level *** (727) 453-3150 gis.pinellascounty.org/knowyourzone
Community Notification Service * (888) 689-8905
Pinellas County
Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater (Hotel/motel evac info inside Pinellas County) www.visitstpeteclearwater.com
St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (727) 453-7800 www.fly2pie.com
Pinellas County Animal Services (727) 582-2600 / TDD (727) 582-2636 www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices
Pinellas County Communications (727) 464-4600 www.pinellascounty.org/communications www.pinellascounty.org/tv
Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (For contractor information) (727) 536-4720 www.pcclb.com
Pinellas County Economic Development (727) 464-7332 www.pced.org
Pinellas County Health Department (727) 824-6900 www.pinellashealth.com
Pinellas County School Board (727) 588-6000 / School Bus Info Line (727) 587-2020 www.pcsb.org
Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office (non-emergency) (727) 582-6200 www.pcsoweb.com
Pinellas County Utilities (727) 464-4000 / Solid Waste (727) 464-7500 www.pinellascounty.org/utilities
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) (727) 540-1900 www.psta.net

State of Florida
Florida Highway Patrol *FHP (Mobile Phone) / (813) 631-4020 www.flhsmv.gov/fhp
Florida Division of Emergency Management (non-emergency) (850) 413-9969 www.floridadisaster.org
Florida Attorney General’s Office (To report price gouging) (866) 966-7226
Federal
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (800) 621-3362 www.fema.gov
NOAA Weather Alert Radio SAME code for Pinellas County: 012103
National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov
National Weather Service/Tampa Bay Area www.weather.gov/tbw
Utility Companies
Bright House Networks (888) 289-8988 brighthouse.com/tampa-bay/default
Clearwater Gas (727) 562-4980 www.clearwatergas.com
Knology (727) 239-0211 www.knology.com
People’s Gas (877) 832-6747 www.peoplesgas.com
Progress Energy (To report outages) (800) 228-8485 www.progress-energy.com
TECO (To report outages) (877) 588-1010 www.tampaelectric.com
Verizon (800) 837-4966 www.verizon.com
Other Agencies
American Red Cross North County (727) 446-2358 / South County (727) 898-3111 www.redcrossbc.org
Catholic Charities (727) 893-1313 www.ccdosp.com
Salvation Army North County (727) 725-9777 / South County (727) 550-8080 www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_tampa.nsf
United Way (813) 274-0900 www.unitedwaytampabay.org
Federal Alliance For Safe Homes (FLASH) (877) 221-7233 www.flash.org
Institute of Business and Home Safety (IBHS) (813) 286-3400 www.disastersafety.org
Insurance Information Institute www.iii.org
2-1-1 Referral Line 211 www.211tampabay.org

* Sign up to receive text messages on your cell phone regarding hurricane evacuations and recovery, as well as any other major emergencies within Pinellas County. Your service provider may charge you for these messages based on your plan.
** Only open during emergencies
*** Find your hurricane evacuation level using your home telephone number.