

If a storm is approaching, there are two paths to consider.

EVACUATE OR STAY? WHICH PATH SHOULD YOU TAKE?



Download your All-Hazards Disaster Preparedness Guide and Evacuation Map at tampabayprepares.org.

START → 1) Do you live in a vulnerable area or home?

(Mobile home or RV, an area that floods often or is near a waterway, or a structure in need of repair or built prior to 2002).

YES

NO

Don't roll the dice and take a chance on your life!

EVACUATE!

Do not panic. Move at a steady pace and leave enough time to get to where you will weather the storm.

DO NOT take chances by staying in an unsafe location or waiting until it is too late!

→ 2) Have you been ordered by County officials to evacuate?

Know which Hurricane Evacuation Level applies to your home. If your area is ordered to evacuate, for the safety of you, your family, and your community, you must ALWAYS evacuate.

YES

NO

STAY HOME!

Sheltering in place is a practical option if you live in a safe area and structure.

Offer your home as a shelter to relatives or friends in harm's way.

Secure your home and important documents, stock extra supplies

Fill vehicle with gas

Fill your gas tank and check oil, fluids, and tires. Gas pumps will not operate without electricity.

Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit

Prepare enough supplies for your entire family, including pets.

After a disaster, you may be without power and many of the services you rely on, including water, sewer, phone, internet, cell phone, and businesses. Emergency services may not be able to immediately respond. Are you prepared to be self-reliant for at least 3-7 days after the storm?

Review the Disaster Supplies Checklists available at tampabayprepares.org.

Get extra cash

Banks and ATMs will not operate during power outages. Few stores will be able to accept credit cards or personal checks.

Check on your neighbors

Especially the elderly and people with medical needs. Are they prepared?

Stay alert

Stay alert to weather advisories. Use a NOAA Weather Radio and follow County web and social media updates.

RIDE OUT THE STORM

Listen to local officials for the all clear before going outside or returning home.

Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557

Check on your neighbors

Especially the elderly and people with medical needs. Do they need transportation assistance?

Hit the road

When advised by your County, grab your family, pets, and supply kit and head to safety using your Hurricane Evacuation Map available at tampabayprepares.org.

Secure your home, pack important documents and evacuation supplies

Enact your Pet Plan

Not all public shelters/evacuation centers allow pets.

Bring extra cash

Banks and ATMs will not operate during power outages. Few stores will be able to accept credit cards or personal checks.

NO Fill vehicle with gas

Fill your gas tank and check oil, fluids, and tires. Gas pumps will not operate without electricity.

YES Contact County

Your County provides an emergency shuttle. Call them to coordinate your evacuation travel.

Notify family & friends of your plans



When possible, evacuating "tens of miles, not hundreds" reduces your chance of being stuck in traffic and shortens your time to return home.

Do you need help with transportation?

Consider carpooling with friends or relatives, or a rideshare program like Uber or Lyft.