

# It's Hurricane Season, So Be Prepared!



The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) encourages you to use the following helpful tips on Hurricane Preparedness to “be prepared” in the event of a storm. When the weatherman tells you to take cover because a hurricane’s on its way, the last thing you want to do is worry about storm preparations.

**These tips can help you plan ahead, so you never have to face a storm unprepared:**

- ◆ Stock up on nonperishable foods (canned meats and vegetables), medicines, and, if you have pets, pet food and records.
- ◆ Keep a working radio, flashlights, extra batteries, candles, and oil lamps. Check regularly to ensure that they are in working order.
- ◆ Store drinking water in clean bottles. You may also use jugs, pans, and the bathtub if a major storm appears imminent.
- ◆ If someone in your home is dependent upon electric-powered, life-sustaining medical equipment, check with your utility on backup facilities well in advance.
- ◆ Make special arrangements for the care of infants, the elderly, and the physically impaired.
- ◆ Learn the evacuation route for your area and keep your car fueled in case an evacuation is ordered.
- ◆ Keep a list of emergency phone numbers for police, fire, utility, and paramedic assistance.
- ◆ Keep a small amount of cash on hand, since an extended power outage may prevent you from withdrawing money from automated teller machines or banks.
- ◆ Call relatives, neighbors, or local emergency officials if you anticipate needing a place to stay.
- ◆ To prevent overloading when power is restored, turn off all major electric appliances.



*Before every hurricane season, regardless of the forecast, knowing how to prepare can give you and your family peace of mind and help you stay safe.*