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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES



WATER



FOOD



FLASHLIGHT



RADIO



FIRST AID



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HOME & FLOOD PROTECTION



CLEAN
GUTTERS



CLEAR
YOUR DRAINS



SANDBAGS



MOVE VALUABLES
UP



SECURE OUTDOOR
ITEMS

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ALERTS & DOCUMENTS



WEATHER
ALERTS



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS



WATERPROOF
DOCUMENT POUCH

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VEHICLE, PETS & SPECIAL NEEDS



FUEL/CHARGE
VEHICLE



CAR KIT



PET
SUPPLIES



MEDICATIONS

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WHEN A STORM IS FORECAST



CHARGE
DEVICES



CHECK ROAD
CLOSURES



AVOID
FLOODED ROADS



LOWER WATER LEVEL/
TURN OFF AUTO FILL

PREPAREDNESS SAVES LIVES!

Use this checklist to prepare for heavier rain, possible flooding, power outages, and storm-related disruptions before the rainy season begins.

Emergency Supplies

- Store at least 3 days of water: 2 gallons per person per day.
- Keep at least 3 days of non-perishable food and a manual can opener.
- Pack flashlights, extra batteries, and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio.
- Include a first aid kit, prescription medications, hygiene supplies, masks, and gloves.
- Charge portable power banks and keep phone chargers in an easy-to-find place.
- Keep cash in small bills for outages or evacuation needs.

Home and Flood Protection

- Clean gutters, downspouts, drains, and nearby storm-water paths.
- Check the roof, windows, doors, and weatherstripping for leaks.
- Trim weak or overhanging branches and secure outdoor furniture, trash bins, and loose items.
- Prepare sandbags or other flood barriers for doorways, garage doors, and low entry points.
- Review flood insurance and homeowners or renters' insurance before storms are forecast.
- Move valuables, electronics, and important items off floors and away from low areas.

Alerts, Documents, and Communication

- Sign up for local emergency alerts and weather notifications.
 - Turn on your iPhone alerts: Settings, Notifications, select Emergency Alerts and Public Safety Alerts
 - Turn on your Android alerts: Settings, Safety and Emergency, select Wireless Emergency Alerts
 - Sign up for Riverside County Alerts: <https://emd.rivco.gov/alert-rivco>
 - For Nixle alerts: text your zip code to 888777
- Write down emergency contacts, evacuation routes, and meeting places.
- Store copies of IDs, insurance documents, medical information, and property records in a waterproof bag.
- Take photos or video of living spaces, valuables, vehicles, and major appliances for insurance records.
- Keep a paper map in case cell service or navigation apps are unavailable.

Vehicle, Pets, and Special Needs

- Keep vehicles fueled or charged before major storms. Check your wipers.
- Pack a car kit with water, snacks, jumper cables, flashlight, first aid supplies, and a phone charger.
- Prepare pet food, water, medications, leashes, carriers, and vaccination records.
- Plan for infants, older adults, medical devices, mobility needs, or refrigerated medications.
- Identify in advance where to go if you need cooling, charging, shelter, or medical support during an outage.

When a Storm Is Forecast

- Charge phones, laptops, radios, and backup batteries.
- Bring outdoor items inside and secure anything that could blow away or block drains.
- If you have a pool, turn the pump off, turn the water autofill off, and lower water level with a sump pump.
- Check local road closures, flood warnings, and evacuation guidance.
- Fill water containers if service interruptions are possible.
- Avoid driving through flooded roads; turn around when water covers the roadway.
- Keep shoes, flashlight, keys, wallet, medications, and go-bag near the door.