

## TIPS FOR PREPARING ON A BUDGET

Not only does planning ahead give you more time to make sure your hurricane checklist is completed, it can also save you money. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers these tips for cost-conscious hurricane preparedness:

- Look for used and discount emergency items:** Certain emergency supplies such as radios and flashlights do not necessarily need to be purchased new or at full price. Of course, make sure such supplies are in good working condition.
- Store water:** Purchasing commercially bottled water is recommended, but not always economically feasible. Start washing out and saving 2-liter soft drink bottles and 1-gallon milk jugs now so there will be plenty on hand to fill with tap water when a storm is approaching.
- Spread out your emergency preparedness shopping:** Buying batteries one week, a giant jar of peanut butter the next, and then canned tuna, and so on, is easier on the wallet than purchasing everything at once. Stock up on non-perishable items.
- Check out the dollar and discount stores:** They offer items at a low cost, from cleaning products to coloring books for the kids that would come in handy if the power goes off.
- Clean out your gutters and drains:** Make sure that water isn't collecting on the roof and around your home in rainstorms. Preparing your home now can prevent damage and costly repairs if a major storm hits.
- Cut limbs from trees near your property.** One of the biggest end-products from a storm is debris. Preventing debris from damaging your property will save you money!
- Purchase a generator off-season.** Once hurricane season starts, generator prices may increase.

## IF YOU EVACUATE, ALSO TAKE:

- Each member of the family should bring face masks to cover their mouth and nose
- Hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Extra clothing, shoes, eyeglasses, hearing aids (and batteries)
- Important papers and irreplaceable keepsakes (driver's license, special medical information, insurance policies, property inventories, photographs, etc.)
- Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, or air mattresses
- Folding chairs, lawn chairs, or cots



## EVACUATION ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby food jars - combination of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and meats | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby feeding spoons      | <input type="checkbox"/> Infant bathing basin, wash cloths, and towels  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formula (powered and/or ready-made)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby bottles             | <input type="checkbox"/> Infant clothes, hat, and booties   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oral electrolyte solution, such as Pedialyte                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nipples for baby bottles | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight blankets   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite healthy snacks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler potty seat       | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable crib  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal (child age-specific)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers / pull-ups       | <input type="checkbox"/> Small toys that do not make noise such as books, cards, puzzles, and handheld games with extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juice boxes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaper wipes             |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaper rash ointment     |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable changing pads |   |

