

IF A STORM IS APPROACHING, THERE ARE TWO PATHS TO CONSIDER.

EVACUATE OR STAY?

WHICH PATH SHOULD YOU TAKE?



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 with your life!

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

Find your Hurricane Evacuation Level on the inside map. If your area is ordered to evacuate, for the safety of you, your family, and your community, you must ALWAYS evacuate.

YES

NO



EVACUATE TO A SAFE LOCATION

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!

1. **Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit.** Prepare enough supplies for your entire family, including pets.
2. **Select your safe place.** Determine where you will go and how you will get there. This place can be a friend's or relative's home, hotel, motel, or nearby designated shelter/evacuation shelter. Make sure your destination is NOT in an area that has been ordered to evacuate. When possible, evacuating "tens of miles, not hundreds" reduces your chance of being stuck in traffic and shortens your time to return home.
3. **Do you need help with transportation?** Consider carpooling with friends or relatives, or a rideshare program like Uber or Lyft. **Citrus County provides an emergency shuttle to evacuation shelters.** Call Citrus County Transit to coordinate your evacuation travel at (352-527-7630). **If you don't need help, fill your vehicle's gas tank and check oil, fluids, and tires.** Gas pumps will not operate if the power goes out.
4. **Notify family and friends of your plans.**
5. **Bring extra cash.** Banks and ATMs will not operate during power outages. Few stores will be able to accept credit cards or personal checks.
6. **Enact your Pet Plan.** Read more about keeping animals safe on pages 15 & 16.
7. **Secure your home, pack important documents, and gather your evacuation supplies.**
8. Check on your neighbors. **Especially the elderly and people with medical needs.** Do they need transportation assistance?
9. When advised by your County, grab your family, pets, and supply kit and head to safety using your **Hurricane Evacuation Map (inside this guide).**



SHELTER-IN-PLACE

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.

1. **Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit.** Prepare enough supplies for your entire family, including pets.
2. **Secure your home and important documents, and stock extra supplies.**
3. **Fill your vehicle's gas tank and check oil, fluids, and tires.** Gas pumps will not operate if the power goes out.
4. **Notify family and friends of your plans.**
5. During and 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 a storm?**
6. **Get extra cash.** Banks and ATMs will not operate during power outages. Few stores will be able to accept credit cards or personal checks.
7. **Check on your neighbors.** Especially the elderly and people with medical needs. Are they prepared?
8. **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.