

Disasters, man made or natural can strike with little to no warning. To protect yourself and your love ones, you need to prepare before the disaster strikes. Taking the time to gather and store the essentials can make a big difference in the event of evacuation.

The Havelock Police Department encourages you to read through this brochure and consider building an emergency supply kit. It is a far better idea to have one and not need it, versus needing one and not having it.

This brochure is not an all inclusive list of items you and your love ones may need. This is a basic outline, containing ideas of what you should consider putting in your supply kit.

We encourage each of you to conduct your own research on emergency preparedness and learn more about what you may or may not need in your supply kit. Below are other resources for you to visit and learn:

www.redcross.org

www.fema.gov

www.cdc.gov

www.disastersafety.org

www.ready.gov

www.nsc.org

In Case of Evacuation

When a disaster strikes, either man made or natural, authorities may issue an evacuation order. Please follow all directions and remain calm.

- Learn the local evacuation routes.
- Have new/updated maps on hand.
- Where are you going? What city are you heading for?
- Ensure your car is full of gas.
- Take your supply kit.
- Discuss the evacuation with family members, including children. Everyone needs to be informed.
- Call other friends and family and tell them the route you are going to take and exactly where you are going.
- Before you leave your home, turn off everything and unplug all electronics.
- Turn off main switches for water and gas (if applicable).
- What will you do with your pets? Have a plan for them.

Hurricanes

Hurricane season starts on June 1st and ends November 30th of every year. Most of these storms stay off shore and cause no impact to the mainland. At times, the storm can make landfall and cause major and even catastrophic damage to the area of impact.

During hurricane season, please monitor your local news and weather reports on a regular basis. While most storms take weeks to build and cross the Atlantic, some can form very quickly and make landfall.

During a Hurricane Threat

- Monitor your local news.
- Shutter or board windows.
- Secure outside objects or bring them indoors.
- Stock up on food, water, medication and other basic essentials.
- Fill your vehicle gas tank in case you need to evacuate.



**Taking the time today to prepare
can possibly save a life tomorrow.**

Preparation Items

Terms to Know

Hurricane Watch—Conditions are possible within 36 hours

Hurricane Warning—Conditions are expected within 24 hours

Storm Surge—A dome of water pushed ashore by the Hurricane force winds

Storm Tide—A storm surge combined with the normal daily tide patterns.

Tropical Storm—Low pressure of strong winds and thunderstorms with circulation; with a possibility of forming into a Hurricane

Additional Websites

Readync.org

[Twitter.com/NCEmergency](https://twitter.com/NCEmergency)

NOAA.gov

Have a conversation with your insurance provider (home, car, rental) every year to make sure you are fully covered. Always review your policies with your insurance agent to ensure these policies are up to date and to make sure you have sufficient coverage.

- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Medications
- Food and water
- First Aid Kit
- Battery powered radio
- Toiletries
- Spare clothes
- Cash
- Copies of birth certificates, insurance documents, bank account information
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- If you use Oxygen, please have several extra canisters handy. Fire/EMS departments do not store extra Oxygen canisters. Please consider having extra canisters at your home in the event power loss continues for several days.

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National Preparedness Month

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