

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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## BEFORE HURRICANES

### PREPARE AT BEGINNING OF SEASON (June 1):

- Develop a family hurricane action plan now!
- Prepare disaster kit as listed below.
- Have a contact person and designate a place to meet in case you get separated.
- Learn where and how to get to shelters now.
- Contact local emergency management office now to register (there is a form that must be filled out now) or get information regarding anyone in household who may require special assistance in order to evacuate or for special needs.
- Pets: Make a plan for pets in the event that you would need to evacuate. Call 754-8204 to find out about animal control facilities that provide free, first come-first serve pet boarding during storm.
- Have a weather radio that has emergency alert system.

### Disaster kit

- Check supplies of medicines (prescriptions, over the counter, testing kits)
- Check flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Bug repellent
- Emergency water: Water: 1 gal per person per day (minimum 3-7 day supply)
- Non perishable food: (3-7 days minimum) such as: canned tuna, peanut butter, crackers, Parmalat non-refrigerated milk, canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegs; canned juice, soup, cookies, hard candy, trail mix, energy bars, cereal, instant coffee, tea, Equal, sugar packets; canned meals
- Any special foods for special dietary needs
- Bleach
- Cooler
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates, forks, knives, paper cups
- Hand wipes
- Trash bags
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Bar soap
- Rubber gloves
- Plastic bucket with tight lid (for personal sanitation)
- Plastic garbage bags (for personal sanitation)
- Cash and credit cards (have some cash in small bills)

### First Aid Kit

Scissors, sunscreen, hand soap, Purell, safety pins, triangular bandages, gauze pads, Neosporin, band aids, tape, tweezers, needle (to remove splinters), latex gloves, aspirin, antacid, Imodium and prescription meds, bug repellent, first aid manual

### Emergency Phone Numbers

- **IN EMERGENCY CALL 911**
- Brunswick Emergency Management 253-4376 or 800-522-2366
- Web site for Brunswick Emergency Management:  
<http://www.brunswickes.com/hurricane.html>
- Brunswick Electric 800-842-5871 or 754-4391
- Sheriff's Department 253-2777
- Brunswick Public Utilities (water/sewer) 253-2655 or 888-428-4426
- ATMC (phone) 754-4311
- Brunswick Community Hospital 755-8121
- Doshier Memorial Hospital – 457-3800
- Brunswick Electric Membership: to report outages call 800-682-5309; back up number is 800-842-5871; You can also call general number 754-4391 [www.bemc.org](http://www.bemc.org)

### **Prepare House – Odd Jobbers may be able to assist**

#### **Outside:**

- Put up hurricane shutters if you have them
- Take down flags, bird feeders –anything that would “fly”
- Put all outdoor furniture away (under deck, in garage)
- Put grill away or tie down cover with shock cord or rope
- Put potted plants from porches and decks away (under deck or in garage)
- Outdoor mats away
- Bring all outdoor objects indoors
- Mail box-- take round top off –put in garage

#### **Inside:**

- Blinds down (if something comes through window, might help deflect)
- Put refrigerator and freezer on coldest settings
- Make extra (or buy) ice to put in cooler to avoid opening refrigerator
- Charge cell phones
- Plug in phone with cord (cordless won't work if power is out)
- Put water in tubs (for sanitary purposes); fill jugs, bottles and pots with water
- Back up all computer files

### **Hurricane Watch — 36 hours out - this should trigger your plan!**

When a watch is issued:

- Check emergency supplies
- Fuel cars
- Get cash (have some small bills)
- Store valuables and personal papers in waterproof container on highest level of home

### **Hurricane Warning – Hurricane is 24 hours out**

#### **Shelters**

Shelters provide a dry, safe place. Brunswick County shelters will have a nurse, social services and law enforcement at each shelter. They are not set up for comfort—but you will be safe there. See list of things to bring. Shelters do not allow pets, alcohol or firearms.

- North Brunswick High School, 114 Scorpion Dr, Leland
- West Brunswick High School, 550 Whiteville Rd, Shallotte
- South Brunswick High, 280 Cougar Drive, Boiling Spring Lakes
- [www.brunsko.net](http://www.brunsko.net) for more info

**If you go to a shelter, bring:**

- Prescription meds and over the counter
- Cards, games, books
- Toiletries
- Battery powered radio (with earpiece)
- Flashlight (one per person)
- Extra batteries
- Blankets or sleeping bags; air mattress, pillows
- Folding chairs
- Identification, medical cards
- Credit card or cash (change for pay phone)
- Any food for special diets, infants or elderly
- Cell phone

**Important Records (put in waterproof, portable container)**

- Wills
- Insurance policies
- Contracts
- Deeds
- Passports
- Bank and investment account numbers and phone numbers
- Credit card info
- Inventory of household goods (video and computer disk with photos)
- Family records
- Computer disks with back up data
- Medical records
- Phone number list of contacts (bank, investment, utilities, insurance, etc)

**Clothes to pack if evacuated:**

- Rain gear
- Warm clothes
- Underwear
- Toiletries
- Extra shoes, socks
- Hats, gloves
- Wallet, credit cards
- Extra eyeglasses
- Change of clothes
- Sturdy shoes or boots; rubber boots



# Brunswick County Hurricane Evacuation Route

1 inch equals 8 miles  
0 2 4 8 Miles  
Brunswick County Emergency Services

