

As The Storm Approaches

1. Board or shutter your windows, clear the deck, patio, and back yard of furniture, toys or any other items which can become deadly projectiles if carried by hurricane force winds.
2. Gather your survival kit and important papers (such as insurance papers, wills, marriage and birth certificates, telephone and address books, money, checkbook, etc.) and place them in a dry accessible place.
3. Ensure your vehicles have a full tank of gas. Do not wait until the evacuation order is issued to do this.
4. Moor or secure your boat, if applicable.
5. Contact family and friends to inform them of where and with whom you will be staying during the storm.
6. If you are planning on using Manatee County shelters or shelters outside of this County, become familiar with the established travel routes to and from those shelters.
7. Stay tuned to television and radio for further updates and prepare family for possible evacuation.
8. Manatee County promotes the time phased concept for personal preparedness known as personal hurricane conditions.