

Disaster Checklist

Here's a comprehensive bulleted list of items needed to survive Hurricane Milton in Florida 2024:

Emergency Supplies

- Water: One gallon per person per day for at least 7-14 days
- Non-perishable food: Enough for 7-14 days
- Manual can opener
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- NOAA Weather Radio (if possible)
- Flashlights (1 per person)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications (at least 7-day supply)
- Over-the-counter medications (pain relievers, antacids, etc.)
- Personal hygiene items (toilet paper, soap, hand sanitizer, feminine supplies)
- Plastic garbage bags
- Moist towelettes
- Important documents in a waterproof container (ID, insurance policies, bank records)
- Cash and change (ATMs may not be functioning)
- Cellphone with chargers and backup battery
- Multi-purpose tool or basic tools
- Matches in a waterproof container or waterproof matches/butane lighter
- Paper and pencil

Food and Cooking

- Canned meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables
- Bread in moisture-proof packaging
- Cookies, candy, dried fruit
- Cereal bars
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Instant coffee and tea
- Powdered or single-serve drinks
- Sterno or portable camp stove
- Charcoal and lighter fluid (for outdoor use only)
- Disposable plates, cups, and utensils
- Paper towels and napkins
- Aluminum foil

Clothing and Bedding

- Change of clothes for each person
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pillows

Sanitation and Cleaning

- Bleach or water purification tablets
- Trash bags
- Plastic drop cloths
- Cleaning supplies

Safety and Communication

- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust masks or N95 masks
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for emergency shelter
- Fire extinguisher
- Battery-powered alarm clock

For Families with Infants and Children

- Baby supplies: Formula, diapers, wipes
- Baby food and medications
- Activities and entertainment for children (books, games, puzzles)

For Pet Owners

- Pet food and extra water (14-day supply)
- Pet supplies: Collar, leash, ID, carrier, bowl
- Litter box supplies
- Pet medications

Documents and Information

- Photo identification
- Proof of residence (utility bills)
- Medical history and information
- Waterproof container for document storage
- Back-up of important computer files

- Family and emergency contact information
- Maps of the area with evacuation routes marked

Additional Items

- Camera and extra batteries or charger
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen (SPF 45 recommended)
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses, and solutions
- Ice chest and ice packs
- Battery-powered fan
- Work gloves
- Plastic bucket with tight lid (for sanitation)
- Outdoor extension cords
- Spray paint (to identify your home if necessary)
- Extra set of house and car keys

Remember to prepare these supplies well in advance, store them in easily accessible waterproof containers, and follow all official instructions during the hurricane.

Citations:

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<https://www.osceola.org/agencies-departments/emergency-management/hurricane-center/before-storm/survival-kit.html>

[3] <https://www.floridapeninsula.com/blog/whats-in-your-hurricane-survival-kit>

[4] <https://www.ucf.edu/hurricane/preparedness/>

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<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/packing-a-hurricane-emergency-supply-kit>

Based on the severity of Hurricane Milton and the extensive response efforts described in the search results, here are some additional important points to consider:

Emergency Shelters and Evacuation

- Text SHELTER and your ZIP code to 43362 to find a FEMA shelter in your area[4].
- Visit [FloridaDisaster.org/shelters/](https://www.floridadisaster.org/shelters/) for an index of Florida shelters by county[4].
- Follow all evacuation orders issued by local authorities.

Immediate Assistance

- Call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for immediate needs like food, water, or shelter[4].
- The Hope Line is available 24/7 at 833-GET-HOPE for those needing resources or assistance after the storm[1].
- Activate Hope has been deployed to connect Floridians with needed resources like food, supplies, and home repairs[1].

Federal and State Response

- Over 8,000 federal personnel are on the ground across the Southeast, including Florida[3].
- The Florida National Guard has activated over 6,500 service members, with more expected[1].
- FEMA has pre-positioned resources, including 20 million meals and 40 million liters of water[3].

Financial Assistance

- Apply for FEMA Individual Assistance at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362[2].
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance may be available through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity[4].
- The Emergency Bridge Loan Program may be activated to support affected businesses[4].

Safety and Recovery

- Be cautious of potential price gouging and report it to 1-866-9-NO-SCAM[4].
- Verify the credentials of any individuals or businesses hired for repairs at MyFloridaLicense.com[4].
- Report any suspected disaster-related fraud to the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 1-866-720-5721[4].

Given the severity of Hurricane Milton, it's crucial to stay informed through official channels, follow all safety instructions, and be prepared for potentially extended periods without power or normal services.

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[2]

<https://pinellas.gov/news/fema-and-local-assistance-available-for-residents-impacted-by-hurricanes-helene-milton/>

[3]

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/10/09/fact-sheet-hurricane-helene-recovery-continues-as-biden-harris-administration-prepares-for-hurricane-milton/>

[4] <https://www.myfloridalegal.com/sites/default/files/2024hurricanepreparednessguide.pdf>

[5]

<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20241010/fema-responds-hurricane-milton-florida-it-continues-coordinated-recovery>