

# Pre-Evacuation Checklist

## Make an Evacuation Kit

- Copies of important documents in a waterproof bag
- An extra set of keys to your home and vehicle
- An extra mobile phone charger
- Bottled water and snacks, such as granola or energy bars for each person for 3-7 days
- First Aid Kit, Flashlight and a whistle
- Battery or manually-powered radio
- A list of medicines for each member of the family and a supply for at least 14 days
- Toothpaste, a toothbrush, and moist towelettes
- Contact information and a meeting place for your family, with a map of your local area
- If you have children, a stuffed animal or toys such as coloring books to keep them occupied.
- Raingear such as jackets or Ponchos.
- A kennel for any pets you might be bringing with you.

## Prepare Your Home for Evacuation

- Put up shutters or plywood on all windows and openings. Winds are stronger at higher elevations, and high-rise apartments and condos.
- Move patio furniture, hanging plants and gas grills inside
- If your home is vulnerable to flooding, move valuables and furniture to a higher level
- Put valuable documents in air-tight plastic containers that are easy to carry with you when you evacuate
- Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box to protect appliances from power surges (this reduces the risk of live dangling wires after a storm)
- If you use natural or propane gas, check in advance with the gas company on what to do.
- Make a final walk-through inspection of your home before closing, and locking the door

## Know Before You Go

- Visit [HoustonTranstar.org](http://HoustonTranstar.org) for real-time information on road conditions along evacuation routes
- Identify the place you are going to evacuate to and notify a friend or family member outside of the area of your plans.

## Evacuation Assistance

- If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and are unable to evacuate yourself, register with the Transportation Assistance Registry by visiting [houstonoem.net](http://houstonoem.net) or dialing 2-1-1

