

**Follow these tips when evacuating with pets:**

- Make sure your animals are wearing current ID and are up-to-date on their vaccinations. Consider getting your pets microchipped if they are not already. If your pet is lost during the storm, microchipping will increase the odds of your pet being returned to you.
- Find a safe place for them to stay ahead of the storm. Look for hotels/motels, or friends/family outside of the evacuation area.
- Check with your veterinarian about boarding the animal.
- Some areas have pet-friendly shelters. Be aware though, that many of these require pre-registration and/or may be at capacity.
- When evacuating with your animal(s), have leashes for your dogs and secure crates for each animal.
- Store pet medications, a supply of pet food, and any pet-related paperwork inside watertight containers with your other emergency supplies.



You can locate a complete pet disaster preparedness kit on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/emergencies/pet-disaster-prep-kit.html>.

You can try these websites to locate pet-friendly lodging:

- <https://www.bringfido.com/>
- <https://www.dogfriendly.com/>
- <https://www.pet-friendly-hotels.com/>
- <https://www.petswelcome.com/>
- <https://tripswithpets.com/>

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352-955-1818 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES

*ACSO Important Phone Numbers*

ACSO Main Administration	352.367.4000
Crime Prevention Unit	352.374.1800
Crime Stoppers & Gun Bounty	352.372.7867
Dept. of the Jail	352.491.4444
Evidence Section	352.367.4076
Human Resources	352.367.4040
Narcotics Tip Line	352.374.1849
Patrol	352.367.4101
Public Information	352.367.4050
Property Unit	352.367.4078
Records Bureau	352.367.4006
Victim Advocate Unit	352.367.4193



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PREPARING FOR THE STORM

## ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON



GOES 16 satellite image of 2018's Hurricane Michael from <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/92868/florida-slammed-by-hurricane-michael>

The Atlantic hurricane season begins annually on June 1st and runs through November 30th.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Hurricane Center (NHC), the average Atlantic hurricane season has 11 named storms and eight hurricanes, with three of the hurricanes considered major. A major hurricane is Category 3 or higher.

Do not discount any hurricane. Even a tropical storm can cause widespread flooding and power outages.

*The National Hurricane Center says "a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster."*



## DISASTER KITS

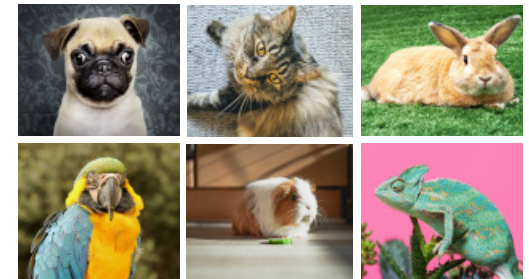
Don't let a hurricane catch you unprepared. Every year prior to the start of the hurricane season, fill a waterproof storage box with these items:

- Water—1 gallon per person for 3-7 days.
- Pet Care Items—Identification/shot records/medications, carrier or cage, muzzle and/or leash, additional food and water for pets. (for more on pet preparations, see the next page.)
- Food—Enough for 3-7 days, per person. Pack non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices, a non-electric can opener, snacks, food for infants or elderly, cooking tools and fuel, paper plates, utensils and garbage bags.
- Personal care items—soap, shampoo, baby wipes, toothbrush/paste, towels/washcloths, etc.
- Important documents—Seal the following in a waterproof container or freezer bag: insurance cards, medical records, bank/credit card information, social security card, and emergency phone numbers for disaster relief in your area.
- Miscellaneous—clothing, rain gear, sturdy shoes, first aid kit, medicines, tools, toys, books, and games.
- Other supplies—Flashlight, extra batteries, cell phone charger, bleach, battery-operated radio, credit cards, cash, and keys.

You can download a pdf Disaster Supply Kit Checklist from the Florida Division of Emergency Management's State Emergency Response Team (SERT) at <https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/hurricane-supply-checklist/>.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS

When making hurricane preparedness plans, make sure you do not forget some of your family's most vulnerable members: the pets.



The Humane Society of the United States has disaster preparedness brochures for both pets and livestock located on their website at <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/make-disaster-plan-your-pets>.

The most important thing to remember is that if it is not safe for humans in a disaster area—it is not safe for pets. Animals that are left behind when the family is evacuated could easily be injured, lost or killed. Those left inside the home can escape through storm-damaged areas and those turned loose to fend for themselves could become victims to exposure, starvation, predators or other accidents or misfortunes.