The following is a list to consider when preparing for any storm:

**Emergency Supplies:**
- Several containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about 5 gallons for each person).
- A 3-5 day supply of nonperishable food and non-electric can opener.
- A first aid kit and manual, prescription medicines and special medical needs.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- Water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach.
- Baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers and other baby supplies.
- Disposable cleaning cloths, such as “baby wipes” for the whole family in case bathing facilities are not available.
- Personal hygiene supplies, such as soap, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, etc.
- Emergency kit for car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, and sleeping bags or blankets, etc.
- Be sure to have sufficient cash supply in case ATM machines are not available.

**Be Prepared to Evacuate:**
- Be sure vehicle’s gas tank is full and emergency kit is in car.
- If no vehicle is available, make arrangements with family or friends for transportation.
- Identify essential documents, medical records, and insurance cards and put in a water proof bag and carry with you during any evacuation.
- Be sure to have your insurance company information (agent name policy number, phone numbers of agent and direct claims office) put the originals in safe deposit box. If you don’t have one, place them in zip lock bags.
- Fill your containers with water or have ample supply of bottled water.
- If you have a pet, identify a shelter designated for pets.
- Review your emergency plans and supplies, checking if you are missing any items.
- Tune in the radio or television for weather updates.
- Listen for disaster sirens or warning signals.
- Put livestock and pets in a safe area. Due to food and sanitation requirements, all emergency shelters cannot accept animals.
- Adjust thermostats on refrigerators and freezers to the coolest possible temperature.
- Paying bills should be done in advance either by mail or phone.

**If You Are Ordered to Evacuate:**
NEVER IGNORE AN EVACUATION ORDER
- Take only essential items with you.
- If you have time, turn off the gas, electricity, and water.
- Disconnect appliances to prevent electrical shock when power is restored.
- Follow the designated evacuation routes and expect heavy traffic.
- Do not attempt to drive or walk across creeks or flooded roads.
- Place important documents in watertight bags (Zip Lock)

**Beware of Fraud**
- If you suspect insurance fraud, call the Insurance Fraud Hotline toll-free at 1-800-378-0445 Consumer assistance.
- If you have an insurance or financial question or problems call the Florida Department of Financial Services Helpline at 1-877-693-5356.

Although we hope for the best, we want everyone to be prepared well in advance of the storm.