

Evacuation Strategy

Refill Medications: Be sure you have enough of prescribed medications to last for several days. If you do not have enough medications, contact your Doctor, Prescription Coverage agency or local pharmacy.

Get Cash: Get sufficient cash in small denominations (\$20 dollar bills and smaller). When power is lost cash may not be available from your bank or Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) and credit card devices may not work. Get cash early. You will not be the only one getting cash.

Get Fuel! Fill your vehicle tank, charge your golf car batteries, fill grill propane tanks! When power is lost, service stations will not be able to operate fuel pumps. Check your tires for proper pressure and vehicle fluid levels. Charge all electronic devices (laptop PCs, cellphones, iPads, etc.) Batteries are the fuel for portable and weather radios.

Select a Destination: Do not delay evacuating! When a hurricane is forecast for our area, it is a good time visit family member or an old friend or take an impromptu vacation. Select a destination that is out of the predicted path of the approaching storm.

Select Routes: Bring a road map of Florida, use GPS and other traffic advisory applications. There are only two major northbound highways in Florida – I-75 on the west and I-95 on the east. I-4 runs northwest from I-75 in Tampa to I-95. Other nearby northbound highways include US 19, 27, 41, 98 and 301. All northbound roads will be heavily traveled.

Make Reservations: If you cannot make your destination in a one-day drive, make lodging reservation ahead of time. Fuel supplies and motels/hotels vacancies along evacuation routes will become less and less available. If you evacuate with a pet, make sure the motel/hotel you reserve allows pets.

Get Provisions: Include some provisions in your Disaster Supply Kit – sandwiches, canned meats, snacks, plenty of water and personal toiletries, blankets or sleeping bags, paper towels, flashlights, battery operated portable radio, a NOAA Radio (have extra batteries), insect repellent, and other supplies or equipment you consider important. Have provisions for Fido or Tabby.

Bring Important Documents: Place Insurance policies, deeds, automobile titles, bonds and other securities, password lists, safety deposit box keys, living and endowment wills and other documents or items important to you in a zip-lock bag.

Secure your property: Be sure to bring in all lawn furniture, pots, chairs, hoses, etc. that could become flying missiles that might hurt someone or damage their property.

Tell Someone: Before you evacuate, let a neighbor or friend know you are evacuating.

Select Routes:



**All north bound routes
will be heavily traveled!**

Northbound routes include
I-75, I-95, US-19, US-27
US-42, US-98, US-301

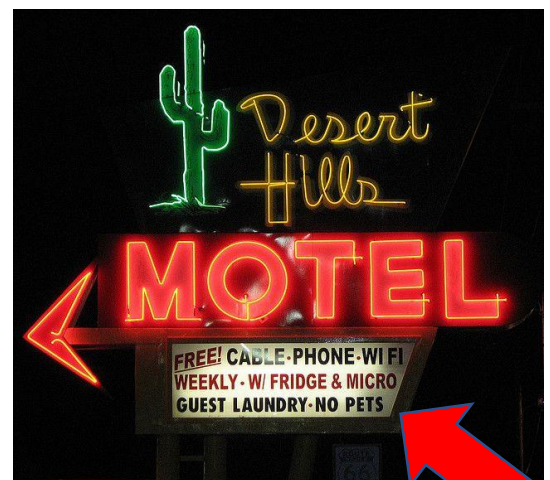
I-4 only goes west to east

Make Reservations:

Call ahead. Do not delay. Do not wait until the last minute!

Fuel supplies and motel/hotel vacancies will be scarce.

Traffic will be horrendous!!!!



Use your points!



Secure Your Property:



Looks great when there is no storm.

When winds reach 35 mph, every ornament becomes a missile aimed at your home or your neighbors!

Tell Someone:

Hello Marge,

Art and I are evacuating. Since you are our roof mate, we thought we should let you know.



Hi Ginny,

I am not surprised. The weather looks ominous. I will be going to a shelter in ten minutes.

