

This checklist is provided by Morris Bart, a trusted legal advocate for families across the South. Being prepared can make all the difference when time is short.

Identification

- ☐ Driver's license or state-issued ID
- ☐ Passports / immigration documents (visas, green cards)
- ☐ Social Security cards
- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ Marriage certificate or divorce decree
- ☐ Military ID or discharge papers (DD214)

Child Essentials

- ☐ Diapers, formula, bottles, and wipes
- ☐ Child-specific medications
- ☐ Health and vaccination records
- ☐ Entertainment for kids
- ☐ Familiar comfort items (stuffed animals, blankets, etc.)
- ☐ Headphones or earbuds
- ☐ Travel crib/pack-and-play

Property & Insurance

- ☐ Homeowners or renters insurance policy
- ☐ Flood insurance policy
- ☐ Property deed or lease agreement
- ☐ Mortgage documents
- ☐ Vehicle titles and insurance details

Medical Essentials

- ☐ Health insurance cards
- ☐ Prescription medications (and photo copies of labels)
- ☐ Immunization records
- ☐ Medical directives or living wills
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Glasses, contact lenses, and cleaning solution
- ☐ Hand sanitizer & basic toiletries
- ☐ 4-7 days of weather appropriate clothing

Before You Evacuate

- ☐ Take photos or videos of your home's interior and exterior
- ☐ Document valuables (including serial numbers when possible)
- ☐ Secure outdoor furniture or items that could become projectiles
- ☐ Board up windows

Technology

- ☐ Phones, tablets, laptops, and accessories
- ☐ Phone and device chargers
- ☐ Portable power banks
- ☐ Flashlights and batteries
- ☐ Flash drive or cloud backup of important digital files

Financial & Legal

- ☐ Bank Account and Credit Card Information
- ☐ Estate planning documents (wills, trusts, powers of attorney)
- ☐ Custody and guardianship documents
- ☐ Court orders or other legal filings

Pet Preparedness

- ☐ Vaccination and microchip records
- ☐ Proof of ownership (e.g., license, photos)
- ☐ Pet carrier or crate
- ☐ Leash, collar, and ID tags
- ☐ Food, water bowls, and medications
- ☐ Comfort items (blankets, toys)
- ☐ Waste bags or litter box

Essentials

- ☐ Spare house and car keys
- ☐ Cash in small bills (in case of power outages or ATM failures)
- ☐ Jewelry, keepsakes, or heirlooms
- ☐ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ☐ Basic toiletries
- ☐ Glasses/contact lenses

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