

Severe Weather Prep Checklist

From hurricanes to floods to tornadoes, Texas is no stranger to severe weather. Ensuring you're ready before severe weather arrives can put your mind at ease. Download and print this checklist to help you prepare. And be sure to listen to your local officials for important information.



Create an emergency kit

At a minimum, stock up on these essentials, and customize your kit based on your family's specific needs.

Tip: Pack your essentials in plastic bins for easy organization and access.

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| ☐ One gallon of water per person, per 7 days | ☐ Extra batteries | ☐ Fire extinguisher |
| ☐ Nonperishable food | ☐ First aid kit | ☐ Vital documents (see details below) |
| ☐ Hand-operated can opener | ☐ Medications (1-month supply) and medical items | ☐ Cash (in case banks or ATMs are unavailable) |
| ☐ Disposable cups, plates and utensils | ☐ Sanitation and personal hygiene items | ☐ Extra fuel for vehicles and generators |
| ☐ Flashlight | ☐ Cell phone with charger | ☐ Extra set of house and car keys |
| ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible) | ☐ Basic tool kit | |

Pack a personal "go" bag

Include 3 days' worth of essentials in case of an emergency evacuation. Think of this as a scaled-down version of your emergency kit.

Develop a communication plan

Ensure everyone is informed.

- ☐ Share emergency contact info, including an out-of-state contact, if possible
- ☐ Enable your phone's emergency alerts: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wea>
- ☐ If you need to evacuate, agree on where you will go

Protect vital documents

Put in a waterproof, fireproof document bag:

- ☐ Personal documents (birth certificates, driver's license, passports, Social Security cards, medical records, emergency contacts)
- ☐ Financial paperwork (insurance policies, titles, deeds or rental agreement)
- ☐ Legal documents (wills, power of attorney)

Prepare your home

If you can safely do so before severe weather arrives:

- ☐ Bring outdoor furniture and any other ungrounded items inside
- ☐ Remove long or dead tree branches near your roof
- ☐ Know how to shut off water, gas and electricity in case of an emergency
- ☐ Reinforce doors and windows