

## **Troop 1018 Recommendations for Hurricane Preparation**

### **Things to do:**

- Check insurance coverage – flood damage is not normally covered
- Have an out-of-state friend or family member serve as family contact, so everyone can call the same place with information
- Make sure all of your vehicles are topped off with fuel
- Put away lawn furniture, outdoor decorations, lawn ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants, or anything else that could be picked up by the wind
- Remove any obviously damaged tree limbs – they will break in strong wind
- If you lose power, turn switches off to prevent a surge when it comes back on
- Consider boarding your windows, or placing masking tape on them to prevent shattering
- Fill your canteens and water bottles with fresh water; fill the bathtub as an additional source of fresh water
- Prepare your “hurricane kit” consisting of items listed below (keep in mind that while the storm may pass fairly quickly, the resultant damage may cause long, lingering problems (e.g. extended power outages). Plan your supplies to last at least a week.

### **Hurricane Kit (things to have on hand):**

- battery-operated TV or radio; spare batteries (NOAA weather radio)
- first aid kit
- drinking water, 3 gallons per person
- blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, lawn chairs (if evacuation is a possibility)
- manual can opener
- flashlights (with plenty of spare batteries)
- waterproof matches
- candles
- toilet paper
- cash (ATMs may not be working; banks may be closed)
- bleach or water purification tablets
- soap and detergent
- rain gear
- charcoal and lighter fluid
- disposable plates, glasses and utensils
- baby supplies
- children's activities, games, books
- ice chest and ice
- valuable papers in waterproof bag
- medicine, including prescriptions
- nonperishable food such as canned meats, canned soups, dried fruits, cereal, crackers, cookies, coffee, tea, peanut butter and jelly, pudding, prepared foods and pet food.
- Camping gear – stove, lantern, etc (don't use open flames indoors)