



An Evening with Denis Phillips

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Denis Phillips' Tips for Hurricane Season

- 1.** Charge any device that provides light.
- 2.** Wash all trash cans, big and small, and fill with water for flushing toilets.
- 3.** Fill every tub and sink with water.
- 4.** Fill old empty water bottles and other containers with water.
- 5.** Fill every Tupperware with water and store in freezer.
- 6.** Fill drinking cups with water and cover with Saran Wrap.
- 7.** Reserve fridge space for storing tap water.
- 8.** Cook and freeze any meats in advance and other perishable foods.
- 9.** Be well hydrated before the storm hits and lay off the salt!
- 10.** Wash all dirty clothes and bed sheets.
- 11.** Toss out any expiring food, clean cat litter boxes, empty all trash cans in the house, including bathrooms.
- 12.** Bring in any yard decor, secure anything that will fly around.
- 13.** Clean your environment so you have clear, easy escape routes.
- 14.** Scrub all bathrooms so you are starting with a clean odor free environment.
- 15.** Place everything you own that is important and necessary in a backpack or small file box that is easy to grab.
- 16.** Make sure you have cash on hand.
- 17.** Stock up on pet food and fill up bowls of water for pets.
- 18.** Refill any medications.
- 19.** Fill your propane tanks.
- 20.** Drop your A/C in advance and lower temperatures in your fridges.
- 21.** Gather all candles, flashlights, lighters, matches, batteries, and other items and keep them accessible.
- 22.** Clean all counters in advance.
- 23.** Pick your emergency safe place such as a closet under the stairs.
- 24.** Shower just before the storm is scheduled to hit.
- 25.** Keep baby wipes next to each toilet.
- 26.** Run your dishwasher.
- 27.** Put a small suitcase in your car in case you decide to evacuate.
- 28.** Check on all family members, set up emergency back up plans, and check on elderly neighbors.
- 29.** Remember, pets are family too. Take them with you!
- 30.** Before the storm, unplug all electronics.
- 31.** Gas up your car and have a spare gas container for your generator or your car when you run out.
- 32.** Use plastic cups and paper plates.
- 33.** Also if you run out of water tap your hot water heater it can have up to 30 gallons stored in there.
- 34.** Put water in balloons and store in freezer.
- 35.** If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown Flush it down!

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