

## Weather Preparedness Checklist

- Take photos or videos of your property & valuable items before the storm in case you need to make a claim on your insurance after.
- Charge your phone & battery packs: after the storm, your phone is likely to go in and out of service for the rest of the day, draining the battery. It's possible that you won't have power after the storm, making charging difficult.
- Start a text thread with your family and exchange information about your exact location with them.
- Do not plan on riding out the storm alone. You don't want to be alone afterwards if a tornado does hit.
- Make sure you're wearing hard sole, closed toe shoes. You may have to walk or climb over rubble after the storm or walk a long way to get help or check on family.
- Put gas in your car. Gas stations may be closed/inoperable.
- Download weather apps on your phone and keep the notifications on loud.
- Follow local weather stations/meteorologists on social media for weather updates
- Follow local city, police, fire, and EMA social media for updates on road conditions.
- Pack a bag and take it into your safe place with you. Some items to include are:
  - One change of clothes
  - At least two pairs of extra socks and underwear
  - Phone chargers
  - Nonperishable food/snacks
  - Water bottles/gallons
  - Helmets
  - Pet food & leashes/harnesses
  - Flashlights & extra batteries
  - Toothbrush and toothpaste
  - Daily medications
  - Car Keys/house keys, wallet with IDs, insurance cards
  - Emergency cash
  - List of emergency contacts and phone numbers