If a storm is approaching, there are two paths to consider.

**EVACUATE OR STAY?**

Which path should you take?

1) **Do you live in a vulnerable area or home?**
   - YES
   - NO

2) **Have you been ordered by County officials to evacuate?**
   - YES
   - NO

Don’t roll the dice and take a chance on your life!

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**EVACUATE!**

*Do not panic.* Move at a steady pace and leave enough time to get to where you will weather the storm. Do NOT take chances by staying in an unsafe location or waiting until it is too late!

- **Select your safe place**
  - Determine where you will go and how you will get there. This place can be a friend’s or relative’s home, hotel, motel, or nearby designated shelter/evacuation center.
  - Make sure your destination is NOT in an area that has been ordered to evacuate.

- **Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit**
  - Prepare enough supplies for your entire family, including pets.
  - When possible, evacuating “tens of miles, not hundreds” reduces your chance of being stuck in traffic and shortens your time to return home.

- **Notify family & friends of your plans**
  - Contact County
  - Fill vehicle with gas
  - Bring extra cash

- **Secure your home, pack important documents and evacuation supplies**

- **Get extra cash**

- **Check on your neighbors**

- **Stay alert**

- **RIDE OUT THE STORM**

  - Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557
  - Listen to local officials for the all clear before going outside or returning home.

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**STAY HOME!**

Sheltering in place is a practical option if you live in a safe area and structure.

- **Secure your home and important documents, stock extra supplies**
  - After a disaster, you may be without power and many of the services you rely on, including water, sewer, phone, internet, cell phone, and businesses. Emergency services may not be able to immediately respond. Are you prepared to be self-reliant for at least 3-7 days after the storm?

- **Assist your family**

- **Prepare enough supplies for your entire family, including pets**

- **Get extra cash**

- **Check on your neighbors**

- **Stay alert**

- **RIDE OUT THE STORM**

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**Review the Disaster Supplies Checklists available at tampabayprepares.org.**

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