

# Preparation Lessons from Hurricane Irma

(redundancy & backups for everything)

## 1. **Mental / Spiritual**

- Trust a Sovereign God – come what may

## 2. **Water**

- Simple Pump
- Generator
- Storage Jugs / Bottled Water
- Bath Tub / Swimming Pool

## 3. **Food**

- Canned goods
- Freeze dried/dehydrated
- Normal from freezer or refrigerator or cooler or shelf
- Food for animals

## 4. **Cooking**

- Propane - 2 burner stove for indoor cooking
- Grills
- Fuel, Wood
- Utensils/pots/pans. Creating bin with items needed

## 5. **Communications**

- Landline and at least one plug in phone
- Cell Phone
- Internet
- FRS

## 6. **Gasoline**

- Keep cans on-hand with Sta-Bil or similar (Mechanic-in-a-Bottle)
- Fuel up cars

## 7. **Electricity**

- Generators (trade off size; gas usage)
- Batteries (including rechargeable)
- Portable USB chargers (some are solar powered)

## 8. **Refrigeration**

- Refrigerator, very inefficient (can only go 4 hours without power) (move to coolers)
- Freezer, more efficient (can go 48 hours without power)
- Ice Packs, Frozen Water bottles (rotate in coolers)
- Several Good coolers

## 9. **Home Safety**

- windows covered, sandbags
- safe area to stay
- Trees
- Secure outdoor items