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## ARE YOU PREPARED?



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



Determine Your Risk

Hurricanes bring many hazards to U.S. coastlines and inland areas, including storm surge along the coast, inland flooding due to heavy rainfall, tornadoes, strong wind, rip currents and large waves.



Develop An Evacuation Plan

Find out today if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone and identify trusted sources for receiving evacuation orders. Plan for multiple options on where to go and how to get there. Have a go bag for supplies and a plan for your pets.



Assemble A Supplies Kit

Make a list of supplies and assemble them before hurricane season begins. Have enough food and water for each person at least for three days. Fill your prescriptions and have medicine on hand. Radios, batteries and phone chargers are also a must have. Gas up your vehicle and have cash on hand.



Get An Insurance Checkup

Check with your insurance agency before hurricane season. Remember that flood insurance must be obtained separately. Prepare your home and vehicles according to your policy. Know where your insurance documents are located and take them with you if evacuating.



Strengthen Your Home

There's a lot you can do around your home to help protect it from hurricane winds. Trim trees on your property and get approved window coverings. Ahead of storms, collect loose outdoor items, secure all doors on your property and find a safe location for your vehicle.



Help Your Neighbor

Many people, especially senior citizens, rely on the assistance of neighbors before and after hurricanes. Help them collect the supplies they'll need before the storm. Assist them with evacuation if ordered to do so, or check on them after it's safe for you to head outside.



Complete A Written Plan

Writing down your hurricane plan will help you avoid mistakes during an emergency, and ensure everyone in your home is prepared for the storm. Have a list of essential contacts, including outside the potential impact area. Review and practice your plan with your family and friends.



## EMERGENCY SUPPLY LIST

### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and non-perishable food for several days
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit and whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Paper and pencil

### Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medication, eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Masks, soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
- Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, disposable utensils, and paper towel
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Fire extinguisher