

PREPARING YOUR FAMILY AND HOME FOR HURRICANE SEASON



During emergency situations there are many issues to sort out aside from insurance matters. That is why we created this report — to help put you in the most informed and prepared position before a hurricane hits. Use these tips to help protect yourself and your family.

PREPARE A HURRICANE DISASTER PLAN

- The most important step is to create an emergency plan and review it regularly so that all family members know what to do.
- Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Flood maps are available at www.fema.gov.
- Locate the safest areas to shelter within your home.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. Your county and state should have evacuations routes available online. Have multiple options in mind in case of road closures.
- Plan where you will go if evacuation is necessary. This may be a friend or relative's home or a nearby shelter. Go to www.redcross.org to locate open shelters.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and keep a copy with you.
- Never let your car's gas tank go below a quarter tank. Gas may not be readily available in an emergency situation.
- If your vulnerable home is a secondary residence, identify a local contact to help secure the property and engage the shutters in the event of a storm.
- Keep a copy of your plan including contact numbers and addresses in your Go Bag, which is described below.

ASSEMBLE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

If you are not evacuating your home, it will be important to have the following emergency supplies on hand:

- One gallon of drinking water per person per day.
- Iodine tablets or one quart of unscented bleach (for disinfecting water only if directed to do so by health officials) and an eyedropper (for adding bleach to water).
- Nonperishable, ready-to-eat canned foods, and a manual can opener.
- First-aid kit, medications, and prescriptions.
- Fire extinguisher, candles, and matches.
- Phone that does not rely on electricity.
- Portable cooler with ice.

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- Plastic garbage bags.
- Plywood or other shuttering material for windows.
- A generator.
- Your Go Bag, including the items listed below.

PUT TOGETHER A GO BAG

For each household member, assemble a Go Bag—a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. Each Go Bag should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels.

A Go Bag may include:

- Copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, birth certificates, deeds, photo IDs, proof of address, etc.).
- Emergency contact and meeting place information for your household and a small regional map.
- Credit and ATM cards, and cash, especially in small denominations.
- Extra set of car and house keys.
- Flashlight, whistle, emergency radio, and extra batteries.
- Cell phone charger(s) including one that can be used without electricity, such as a car charger, and an extra cell phone battery.
- Bottled water and nonperishable food such as energy or granola bars.
- Medication for at least one week and other essential personal items. Keep a list of any medications and

dosages for each member of your household, or copies of all your prescription slips, as well as your doctor's contact information.

- Sturdy, comfortable shoes, lightweight rain gear, and a mylar blanket.
- Child care supplies or other special care items.
- Personal items such as soap, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, and toothpaste, etc.

AS A STORM APPROACHES

- Stay informed through radio and TV broadcasts. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Secure your home. Shutter windows securely and brace outside doors.
- Bring loose, lightweight objects indoors.
- Anchor objects that are unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills or propane tanks.
- Place valuables in waterproof containers or plastic bags.
- If you are going to an evacuation shelter, pack what you need for several days, including your Go Bag, sleeping bag, blankets, pillows, and auxiliary medical equipment.
- Check on friends, relatives, and neighbors. Assist them with their preparation if needed.

BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOME

- Turn off home electricity with a main switch.
- Shut the gas valve at the appliance, not the main.
- Tell friends/relatives/neighbors where you are going.

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Visit these websites for additional disaster planning information:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency - FEMA.gov
- National Hurricane Center - nhc.noaa.gov
- National Flood Insurance Program - Floodsmart.gov
- Disaster Assistance Improvement Program - DisasterAssistance.gov
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - noaa.gov

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