

CREATE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all of your family members have a single point of contact to check in with.
- Make a plan for what to do with your pets if an evacuation is necessary.
- Check your insurance coverage—flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies.
- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

What to include in your emergency supply kit

- Water—at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3-7 days.
- Food—at least enough for 3-7 days, non-perishable packaged or canned foods/juices, foods appropriate for infants or the elderly, snack foods, non-electric can opener, cooking tools/fuel, paper plates/plastic utensils.
- Blankets and pillows.
- Clothing—seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes.
- First Aid Kit, medicines, and prescription drugs.
- Flashlight and batteries.
- Radio—battery-operated and NOAA weather radio.
- Cash—banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods
- Toys, books, and games.
- Important documents—insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc. and store in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag
- Vehicle fuel tanks.
- Pet Care items—proper identification, immunization records, medications, food and water supply, carrier or cage, and muzzle or leash.

