

ARE YOU REALLY PREPARED FOR THE NEXT HURRICANE?

HERE'S YOUR HANDY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

IF YOU LIVE IN A HURRICANE-PRONE COASTAL AREA YOU SHOULD PREPARE FOR WIND AND FLOODING. FOLLOW THIS CHECKLIST TO MASSIVELY REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF BOTH.



STAY INFORMED

1. KNOW YOUR HURRICANE RISK!
VISIT [HTTP://HAZARDS.FEMA.GOV/FEMAPORTAL/PRELIMDOWNLOAD](http://HAZARDS.FEMA.GOV/FEMAPORTAL/PRELIMDOWNLOAD) TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY'S PROJECTED RISK TO FLOOD HAZARDS.

2. KNOW HOW TO STAY INFORMED.
MONITOR WEATHER REPORTS PROVIDED BY YOUR LOCAL MEDIA. MANY COMMUNITIES HAVE TEXT OR EMAIL ALERTING SYSTEMS FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS.

3. CONSIDER BUYING A NOAA WEATHER RADIO (NWR)
ALL HAZARDS RECEIVER, WHICH RECEIVES BROADCAST ALERTS DIRECTLY FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS).

4. KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ROUTES:
PLAN YOUR TRANSPORTATION AND IDENTIFY A PLACE TO STAY.

5. KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY'S LOCAL HURRICANE EVACUATION PLAN
AND IDENTIFY SEVERAL ESCAPE ROUTES FROM YOUR LOCATION IN CASE ROADS ARE BLOCKED. KEEP YOUR CAR FUELED AND IN GOOD CONDITION.

PREPARE & PRACTICE

- KEEP EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN YOUR CAR
- MAKE ARRANGEMENTS NOW IF YOU WILL NEED TO SHARE TRANSPORTATION.
- IDENTIFY A PLACE AWAY FROM HOME WHERE YOU COULD GO IF YOU HAD TO LEAVE.
- PRACTICE TAKING SHELTER. IDENTIFY YOUR PROTECTIVE LOCATION AND PRACTICE GETTING ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS TO THAT LOCATION QUICKLY.
- REMEMBER THAT SENDING TEXTS IS OFTEN FASTER THAN MAKING A PHONE CALL.
- KEEP IMPORTANT NUMBERS WRITTEN DOWN IN YOUR WALLET, NOT JUST ON YOUR PHONE.
- PRACTICE FIRST AID SKILLS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS THROUGH TRAINING CLASSES.



STORE

- STORE SUPPLIES SO YOU CAN GRAB THEM QUICKLY IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE; KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT ELSE YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE. MAKE A LIST NOW!
- STORE THE BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLIES IN A "GO BAG" OR OTHER CONTAINER. BE READY TO GRAB OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS QUICKLY BEFORE LEAVING.
- STORE SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED TO LIVE AT HOME WITH NO POWER. FOR A FULL LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT, VISIT WWW.READY.GOV/BUILD-A-KIT.

- STORE THE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO START YOUR RECOVERY. KNOW HOW TO ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS MEDICAL INSURANCE, AND PRESCRIPTIONS OR WARRANTIES FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.
- BUY SPECIALIZED INSURANCE FOR LOSSES CAUSED BY FLOOD AND WIND DAMAGE.



DISCUSS

- DISCUSS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO PREPARE WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND COLLEAGUES.
- DISCUSS HOW YOUR COMMUNITY CAN REDUCE RISK.
- WORK WITH OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANNING.



DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE. TAKE ACTION NOW!