

# Preparedness brochure

- Two pages from our hurricane preparedness brochure are attached.
- The first page lists activities to be done well before there is any threat of a hurricane, the second page has instructions on putting together a 'Family Emergency Plan'.
- Prepare now. Mother Nature is done waiting for you to get ready. Hurricane season is upon us.



# Questions?

- For the latest information, visit our website at [weather.gov/phi](http://weather.gov/phi)
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# Are You Ready?

## Before the Hurricane Season

- ✓ Determine safe evacuation routes inland.
- ✓ Learn locations of official shelters.
- ✓ Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators and battery-powered equipment such as cell phones and your NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver.
- ✓ Buy food that will keep and store drinking water.
- ✓ Buy plywood or other material to protect your home if you don't already have it.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into your home.
- ✓ Clear clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- ✓ Decide where to move your boat.
- ✓ Review your insurance policy.
- ✓ Find pet-friendly hotels on your evacuation route.



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## During the Storm

### When in a Watch Area...

- ✓ Frequently listen to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins of the storm's progress.
- ✓ Fuel and service family vehicles.
- ✓ Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- ✓ Ensure you have extra cash on hand.
- ✓ Prepare to cover all windows and doors with shutters or other shielding materials.
- ✓ Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- ✓ Bring in light-weight objects such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys and lawn furniture.

### When in a Warning Area...

- ✓ Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins.
- ✓ Close storm shutters.
- ✓ Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!
- ✓ Stay with friends or relatives at a low-rise inland hotel or at a designated public shelter outside the flood zone.
- ✓ DO NOT stay in a mobile or manufactured home.
- ✓ Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- ✓ Take pets with you if possible, but remember, most public shelters do not allow pets other than those used by people with disabilities. Identify pet-friendly hotels along your evacuation route.

### Plan to Leave if You...

- ✓ Live in a mobile home. They are unsafe in high winds no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- ✓ Live on the coastline, an offshore island or near a river or a flood plain.
- ✓ Live in a high rise building. Hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.

# Family Emergency Plan



Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. You, as well as your family and friends, will most likely not be together when disaster strikes. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children or parents are safe? You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What will you do if water, gas, electricity or phone services are shut off?

## Steps to Take

- I **Gather information about hazards.** Contact your local National Weather Service office, emergency management office and American Red Cross chapter. Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how you should respond. Learn your community's warning signals and evacuation plans. Assess your risks and identify ways to make your home and property more secure.
- II **Meet with your family to create an emergency plan.** Pick two places to meet: a spot outside your home for an emergency, such as fire, and a place away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Choose an out of state friend as your family's point of contact for everyone to call if the family gets separated. Discuss what you would do if advised to evacuate.
- III **Implement your plan.**
  1. Post emergency telephone numbers by the phone.
  2. Install safety features in your house, such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.
  3. Inspect your home for items that can move, fall, break or catch fire and correct them.
  4. Have your family learn basic safety measures, such as CPR and first aid, how to use a fire extinguisher, and how and when to turn off water, gas and electricity in your home.
  5. Teach children how and when to call 911 or your local emergency number.
  6. Keep enough supplies in your home for at least 3 days. Assemble an emergency supplies kit. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers, such as backpacks or duffel bags. Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Keep a smaller emergency supplies kit in the trunk of your car.

### An Emergency Supplies Kit Should Include:

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| ✓ At least a 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person, per day) | ✓ One blanket or sleeping bag per person   | ✓ Extra set of car keys  |
| ✓ At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food                    | ✓ First-aid kit                            | ✓ Credit card and cash   |
| ✓ At least, one change of clothing and shoes per person             | ✓ Battery-powered NWR and a portable radio | ✓ Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members |
|   | ✓ Emergency tools                          | ✓ Prescription and non-prescription medicines                  |
|   | ✓ Flashlight, extra batteries              |  |

- IV **Practice and maintain your plan.** Ensure your family knows meeting places, phone numbers and safety rules. Conduct drills. Test your smoke detectors and NWR monthly and change the batteries at least once each year. Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions. Replace stored water and food every 6 months.

*Safety and preparedness material is online at:*

Federal Emergency Management Agency: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

American Red Cross: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

NOAA National Weather Service: [www.weather.gov/safety.php](http://www.weather.gov/safety.php)