



Short Safety Subject

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When A Hurricane Is Headed Your Way...



The storm season is upon us and since there is usually a public warning, anyone who may be in the path of a hurricane should be ready. Careful preparation and planning before a storm arrives will help minimize damage, loss and grief. The following is a short listing of what could be done to prepare yourself and your family during this season.

PRE PLANNING:

- Obtain information on flood zones and evacuation shelters. In some areas, these can be found in your telephone book.
- Plan an evacuation route to the nearest shelter or "safe" area and keep a map handy. During emergencies, shelter locations may also be announced on the radio.
- Replenish emergency kits and supplies.
- Secure important documents from possible damage or move them to a safe location.
- Develop a list of important phone numbers.
- Develop a plan to secure loose objects around the house; trim branches and trees if possible.
- Ensure that your pets have collars and identification tags.

PRIOR TO THE HURRICANE:

- Secure all loose objects outdoors.
- Secure all windows using plywood.
- Fill your vehicle with fuel.
- Charge all batteries (i.e., phone, lamps, flashlights, radios, smoke detectors etc.)
- Listen to the emergency broadcasts of the storm.
- Be prepared to evacuate and transport emergency supplies, kits and clothing to a predetermined location.

DURING A HURRICANE:

- Stay indoors and away from windows. Keep to the center of the building on the ground level.

- Listen to the emergency broadcast on the radio or television.
- Turn off all electrical devices and appliances that are not needed.
- Stay away from coastal waters, rivers, streams and other areas where flooding may occur.
- Do not try to cross flooded areas with your vehicle.
- Listen for instructions from emergency officials when the storm is over.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND KIT

- First aid kit and personal medications.
- Portable radio and flashlight.
- Drinking water, extra batteries.
- Non-perishable foods and manual can opener, ice chest.
- Lighter, matches and candles, sleeping bags and blankets.
- Clothing, personal toiletries, important documents.
- Food, clothing and medication for infants, the elderly or the disabled.
- Quiet games, books or toys for children.