

 **HURRICANE SEASON:  
June 01 to November 30**

**Be Prepared!**

**MAKE A HURRICANE 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 or community for hurricane hazards.
- Determine meeting places and escape routes from your home, work, and schools.
- Keep an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Create a plan for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.

**KNOW THE TERMINOLOGY:**



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**HURRICANE WATCH:** Hurricane conditions are **possible** within the specified area. Issued **48 hours** in advance of the anticipated onset. **Monitor the situation.**

**HURRICANE WARNING:** Hurricane conditions are **expected**. Issued **36 hours** in advance of the anticipated onset. **Take Action: grab the emergency kit you have prepared in advance and head to safety immediately.**

**CREATE A  
DISASTER SUPPLY KIT:**

 <b>FOOD:</b> at least enough for 3 to 7 days (non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices, foods for infants or the elderly, snack foods, non-electric can opener, cooking tools / fuel, paper plates / plastic utensils)	 <b>WATER:</b> at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days	 <b>CLOTHING:</b> seasonal / rain gear / sturdy shoes
 <b>FIRST AID:</b> Kit, Medicines, Drugs, etc.	 <b>SPECIAL ITEMS:</b> for babies and the elderly	 <b>RADIO:</b> Battery operated NOAA weather radio
 <b>IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:</b> in a waterproof container or watertight plastic bag	 <b>CASH:</b> (with some small bills) and <b>CREDIT CARDS</b>	 <b>TOOLS:</b> keep a set with you during the storm
 <b>TELEPHONES:</b> Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a corded telephone set	 <b>BEDDING:</b> Blankets, pillows, etc.	 <b>FLASHLIGHT / BATTERIES</b>
 <b>TOILETRIES:</b> Hygiene items, Moisture wipes, etc.	 <b>VEHICLE FUEL TANKS FILLED</b>	 <b>PET CARE ITEMS</b>
	 <b>TOYS, BOOKS AND GAMES</b>	

**FOR MORE INFO:**

- <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>
- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/hurricane>
- <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>