Before A Disaster Strikes, Be Prepared!

What would you do after a major disaster, such as a hurricane, if you had no water or food, no electricity, no car or bike, and no telephone service? After a major disaster, emergency responders may not be able to reach everyone right away, and in some cases it may take three or more days for help to arrive. Having a disaster plan will help ensure you and your family are safer and more comfortable for at least three to seven days before help arrives.

- Meet with all family members to discuss plans for dealing with disasters; include plans on how and where family members will meet (from home, work, school, etc.); determine special needs such as medicine, transportation and pet care; when to evacuate and where to go.
- Prepare your disaster supplies.
- Have cash on hand - Banks/ATMs may not be open or available after a disaster.
- Keep your car filled with gas and your bike tires pumped. Get any needed maintenance, such as oil changed, tires pumped/rotated, etc.
- Include outside family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers in your disaster plans.
- Make transportation arrangements with outside family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and your local emergency management office.
- Ask your local emergency management office about evacuation routes and facilities, such as local school buildings.
- Stay alert to storm advisories through radio and TV news or weather stations.
- Make plans for your pets as well, as most shelters will not allow any animals.

Important Numbers to Remember

- American Red Cross – Check Local Listings
  Number: ____________________
- Federal Alliance for Safe Homes
  1-877-221-SAFE (7233)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
  1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
  850-413-9969
- County Health Dept. – Check Local Listings
  Number: ____________________
- Fire Department – Check Local Listings
  Number: ____________________
- Police Department – Check Local Listings
  Number: ____________________
- Salvation Army – Check Local Listings
  Number: ____________________

Write important numbers below (family, friends, work, school, doctor, etc.):
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For Migrant Families
If Staying Home

If you decide to stay home with your family, consider these additional preparations:

- Stay alert to storm advisories or local news.
- Gather your disaster supplies; have enough food and water for each member of your family for 3 to 7 days.
- Tell your family what room has been designated the safe room in your home. A safe room is one without windows or glass doors and is surrounded by other walls, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Check on relatives who also live in your area, as well as neighbors and friends to see if they are staying home, and if they have enough disaster supplies for three to seven days.
- Make your home more disaster resistant; board windows and glass doors, anchor or move loose outdoor objects inside, such as lawn chairs, bicycles, yard tools, etc.
- If you live in a mobile home, and have been ordered to evacuate, follow your county’s evacuation orders; contact your county emergency management office to verify evacuation sites well before a disaster threatens your home.
- Fill your car with gasoline and check your bike tires for air.
- Do not use candles or open flames for light sources.
- NEVER use a generator indoors, including garages, crawl spaces and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.

If Evacuating

Gather your family and your disaster supplies and evacuate if told to do so. If you have time:

- Close and lock doors and windows.
- Unplug electrical equipment and small appliances, such as radios, televisions, toasters and microwaves. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding.
- Let relatives (including those out of town), neighbors and friends know where you are going.
- Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather or being stuck in traffic.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked or flooded.
- Be alert for washed-out roads and bridges. Do not drive into flooded areas.
- Stay away from downed power lines.

Word Search

A. Wildfire    B. Flood    C. Rip Current    D. Hurricane

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Food – 3 to 7 days of non-perishable packaged or canned foods, such as Galletas Maria, Tortilla chips, canned refried beans; include foods and beverages for infants, elders and those on special diets
Non-electric can opener, paper plates, plastics cups, plastic utensils, garbage bags with plastic ties
Infant and toddler needs – diapers, wipes, bottles, etc.
Eyeglasses, hearing aid with extra batteries, etc.
First Aid kit. medicines, prescription drugs
Flashlight, batteries, glow sticks
Tools – keep a set with you during the storm
Battery powered or hand-crank radio for important news, weather reports and instructions from local authorities
Toys, games, coloring books and crayons, battery powered electronic devices with extra batteries
Pet supplies, including identification, immunization records, carrier or cage, muzzle and leash, medications

Prepareness Tips

- Secondhand stores are a great source for coolers, blankets, backpacks, etc. Check all items carefully before buying.
- Make plans with other relatives, friends, neighbors and coworkers to share costs for purchasing supplies.
- As most shelters do not allow animals, be sure to make prior arrangements for your pet’s care in case you and your family need to evacuate. Call your local animal shelters and verify evacuation options for your pets.
- DO NOT burn charcoal or gas grills inside your home, garage, basements, or enclosed/partially enclosed areas.

Disaster Supply Kit

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Include these items in your supply kit for evacuations:

- Duffel bags or backpacks to carry supplies.
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, etc.
- Deodorant, hand sanitizer or wipes, toothpaste, etc.
- Phone chargers
- Whistle or horn
- Family photos
- Car, house and other important keys
- Important documents – in a waterproof container or plastic ziplock bag
- Special needs: a wheel chair, guide-dog supplies, etc.

Matching Words and Photos

Can you match the titles below with the pictures above? Mark the box with the appropriate letter.

A. Wildfire    B. Flood    C. Rip Current    D. Hurricane

1. Follow the maze and collect at least five pet items you might need in your disaster supply kit.
2. Color!

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