



## PLAN, PREPARE AND BE AWARE:

Hurricanes are powerful and unpredictable storms that can cause significant damage to property and pose a serious threat to personal safety. It's crucial to stay informed about potential storms by monitoring weather forecasts and paying attention to official warnings issued by local authorities. It's also essential to have an emergency plan in place that includes evacuation procedures, necessary supplies, and communication methods. By taking these steps, you can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe during a hurricane.

## GUIDE

### PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY:

- Assemble an emergency kit
  - Food and water
  - Pet's food and water
  - Manual can opener
  - Clothes
  - Battery-powered radio and an NOAA Weather Radio
  - Flashlight/Extra Batteries
  - First aid kit
  - Whistle
  - Dust and a protective mask
  - Plastic sheeting and duct tape
  - Wrench or pliers
  - Local maps
  - Phone with chargers and power banks
  - Prescription Medicines
  - Eyeglasses and contact lens
  - Sleeping bag or warm blanket

### KIT STORAGE LOCATIONS:

- **Home:** Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.
- **Work:** Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours.
- **Car:** Keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car

## CHECKLIST

### MAINTAINING YOUR KIT:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers.

### MAKE A FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

- Hold a family meeting
- Discuss shelter options Ensure your assets are protected
- Make a plan to protect your vehicles
- Secure your home
- Determine whether anyone in your home has special needs
- Make a plan for your pet
- Gather your supplies
- Notify others of your plan
- Choose a point of contact
- How to contact each other
- Have children memorize contacts'
- Where to go for safety
- Location is central and accessible
- Inquire about **emergency plans** at places where your family spends time:
  - Work
  - Daycare and school
  - Faith organizations
  - Sports events
  - Commuting
- Identify family team member responsibilities.
- Watch out for news and alerts about the weather.
- Be ready to evacuate;
  - Set the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting in case the power goes out.
  - Know the evacuation routes, emergency shelters, and checkpoints
- Prepare cash (instead of card) for evacuation expenses (for at least 30 days);
  - Rentals and family accommodation
  - Restaurant and food banks
  - Fuel for vehicles and generators
  - Prescription Medicines
  - Pet Food and Boarding Cost

