



Reminder: Hurricane Season is Here

Did you know that hurricane season starts on June 1st and goes to the end of November?
Are you ready? Is your family ready?

Plan ahead:

- Home emergency supplies
 - Water – one gallon per person per day
 - Food supplies
 - Non electric can opener
 - Portable battery powered radio
 - Additional batteries
- Make a plan for your family
 - Child Care
 - Elder care
 - Pet care – food, a crate to carry pet (if possible)
- Make plans to check on the elderly and disabled in your neighborhood
- If you need to evacuate – have a plan in place
 - Have a full tank of gas in your truck or car
 - Have road maps – you may be on unfamiliar roads
 - If separated from your family, have a pre-arranged meeting place
 - If possible, have a place to evacuate to, i.e. – relative or friends
 - Per plan several evacuation routes – the main route may be blocked or flooded
- Have an emergency supply kit to take with you, to include:
 - Medications
 - Clothing
 - Important papers and phone numbers
 - Non perishable food
 - Additional water

During a storm:

- Stay tuned to radio and televisions for official weather information and local directions
- Follow instructions given by local and state emergency officials
- Turn your refrigerator to the maximum cold setting – this will help keep your food cold longer if there is a power failure
- Fill bathtub and other containers with additional water

**Listed below are tips and resources that you can use to be prepared.
Plan ahead:**

- Have an emergency kit – <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>
- Prepare your family – <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html>
- Have emergency supplies –
<http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/checklist.txt>
- Deciding to stay or evacuate –
<http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/stayingput.html>
<http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/evacuating.html>

After the Hurricane:

- Recovery – <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/after.shtm>
- Health issues – <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/health.shtm>
- Tips on keeping food safe –
http://wwwfsis.usda.gov/fact_sheets/keeping_food_safe_during_an_emergency/index.asp

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