

TIPS ON HOW TO BE PREPARED

DEVELOP A FAMILY ACTION PLAN

1. Discuss the type of hazards that could affect the family and the home.
2. Determine if the home is located in a storm surge evacuation zone. If so, know exactly where to go to reach safe shelter.
3. If the home is located outside a storm surge evacuation zone and the home is well constructed, it's residents still need to have a hurricane plan.
4. Locate a safe room for each hurricane hazard.
5. Determine escape routes from the home and designate meeting places nearby.
6. Designate an out of state contact so that all family members have a single point of contact.
7. Make a plan for what to do with pets if the family needs to evacuate. Most hurricane shelters ***do not*** accept pets (visit www.Petswelcome.com for additional information).
8. Review your insurance policy & coverage prior to hurricane season. Also note that flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
9. Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a disaster supply kit.
10. Prior to storm, be sure to bring indoors all loose items that might blow away or can cause damage.
11. Have trees trimmed ahead of time.
12. Take pictures or video of valuables prior to storm. Store in secure location.
13. Gather important documents (including insurance info) and store in secure location.