**SUPPLIES**

- Food and water (at least a two-week supply)
- First aid kit including bandages, antiseptic, tape, compresses
- Non-electric can opener
- Mosquito repellent
- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine (plain) and iodine)
- Flashlights and batteries for each family member
- Portable radio and batteries
- Antacid, and important phone numbers
- Pet supplies (food, water/food bowls, Ample water supply, Carrier or cage large enough for your pet to move around, Vaccination paperwork, Newpaper, cat litter, a litter box if needed, Proper ID on all pets)

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**HURRICANE**

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Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant)

Toilet paper, paper towels, and pre-moistened towelettes or

Folding chairs, lawn chairs, or cots

Hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)

Children's needs:

- toys, games, books, puzzles
- baby stuff
- school supplies
- clothes
- diapers

**HOME HEALTHCARE & HOMEBOUND PATIENTS**

- If you require medication or other electric-dependent medical equipment, contact your home health agency and oxygen company where you will be during a hurricane. Ask them about their plans to provide care.
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**IF YOU EVACUATE, YOU SHOULD ALSO TAKE:**

- Furniture off the floor.
- Gas pumps will not operate during cleanup.
- Gas and oil will not be delivered.
- This clogs up the stormwater system, which could threaten your home, street or stormwater system.
- Clipping and southeast leaves into the stormwater system is strongly recommended.
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4. Once you arrive back, walk around your home or business from the outside first to determine if a portable or stationary generator is required.

If your home or business has been flooded, have a qualified licensed electrician inspect the electrical system and any kind of demolition or permanent repairs, reconstruction, or cleaning.

5. Take time for emergency crews to reach your neighborhood. Safety hazards, such as downed power lines, are cleared. It may be possible to return home briefly, but wait for official notification before doing so.

6. Keep all survey damage and enter with caution.

If you suspect a gas leak, leave immediately and call 9-1-1. Avoid driving. If you drive, treat any intersection with the roadway as an intersection with a stop sign. Do not open any gas valve or attempt to shut off the gas line.

Be extremely careful with a chainsaw and follow all safety precautions.

7. Drink plenty of fluids, rest and ask for help when you need it.

Call professionals to remove large, uprooted trees, etc. with cash.

NEVER pay until the work is completed to your satisfaction.

Obtain a written estimate or contract. Insist on start/finish dates, detailed work and bidding requirements, payment schedule, and cancellation and guarantee policies. Avoid contracts that involve payment in advance, large deposits or any deal that sounds too good to be true.

Do not negotiate with contractors who call uninvited to the door or who come in response to an advertisement. Be especially careful with door-to-door solicitors or contractors who claim to be present in response to an advertisement.

Avoid downed or dangling power lines. Be especially careful when clearing fallen trees.

Avoid candles. Use battery-operated flashlights and lamps when clearing fallen trees. Exhaust fumes are deadly.

WHEN TO LEAVE

Always leave immediately if you are told to do so. Even if you believe you can weather the storm, the time to prepare is now.

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO STAY INDOORS & SHELTER-IN-PLACE:

If you are told air quality is at risk, cover your nose and mouth. Do not use the air conditioner or open windows.

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8. Exercise extreme caution when going outdoors as the possibility of injury is increased.

If you are told to evacuate, where you would go, and how you will get there.

Find out if there is a Disaster Response Training offered in your county and enroll.

The time to prepare is now.

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IF DISASTER STRUCK, WOULD YOU BE READY?

Would your family be ready? Would your business be ready?

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Join someone out of the area to coordinate communications in a disaster. Family members, friends, and neighbors can coordinate their efforts. Send your contact copies of important papers, IDs, insurance, etc.

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Check with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, employees and maintenance personnel. Be sure to keep their contact numbers updated.

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Insurance is very important. It is an investment that protects your home and its contents, family, and finances. You may want to consider:

1. Homeowners or renters insurance
2. Auto insurance
3. Disability insurance
4. Life insurance

A WORD ABOUT PREPAREDNESS

You can be prepared for a hurricane by taking these steps:

1. Develop a Family Disaster Plan
2. Build an Emergency Kit
3. Stay informed
4. Prepare your Home
5. Know what to do in an emergency

6. Plan for the Future

A WORD ABOUT RESTORATION

After a hurricane, you may need to repair or rebuild. Here are some tips:

1. Be cautious when hiring contractors
2. Get estimates from three or more contractors
3. Ask for references and check their work
4. Get a written contract

A WORD ABOUT FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

It is important to be financially prepared for a hurricane. Here are some tips:

1. Set aside emergency funds
2. Consider a disaster recovery plan
3. Review your insurance policy

A WORD ABOUT SAFETY

Safety is crucial during and after a hurricane. Here are some safety tips:

1. Stay away from downed power lines
2. Avoid flooded areas
3. Wear protective clothing
4. Stay hydrated

A WORD ABOUT CONTINUITY

Continuity of Operations (CO) is important during a hurricane. Here are some tips:

1. Have a CO plan for your business
2. Use a disaster recovery plan
3. Keep important documents and records
4. Stay connected

A WORD ABOUT REGULATIONS

Regulations vary by location. Here are some regulations to consider:

1. Building codes
2. Zoning regulations
3. Floodplain management
4. Stormwater management

A WORD ABOUT LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Legal considerations are important when dealing with a hurricane. Here are some tips:

1. Review your contracts
2.了解 your legal rights
3. Get legal advice
4. Protect your home and family

A WORD ABOUT HEALTH

Health is important during a hurricane. Here are some tips:

1. Stay healthy
2. Stay hydrated
3. Avoid contaminated water
4. Avoid floodwater

A WORD ABOUT ENVIRONMENT

The environment is important during a hurricane. Here are some tips:

1. Protect the environment
2. Avoid water pollution
3. Keep wildlife safe
4. Stay safe
HURRICANE
Wait for official word that the danger is over.
Take enough supplies for your family.
During the storm, stay inside and away from windows,
and, when possible, stay in the center of your home.

CLEAN-UP & REPAIRS
Beware of contractor fraud

RE-ENTRY

ARE YOU READY?

POST-STORM SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Only enter your home if it is safe to do so.
2. Do not walk on your roof or enter a flooded home.
3. Turn off electricity, water, and gas if officials tell you to do so.
4. Avoid contact with floodwaters.
5. Keep pets and children away from floodwaters.
6. Do not drive through floodwaters.
7. Avoid drive-through banks and restaurants.
8. Do not use electricity, water, or gas until they have been turned off and are safe to use.
9. Avoid damaged buildings and structures.
10. Do not walk back into your home.

FREE RESTORATION SHUTDOWN PLANNING GUIDE

FLOOD PROTECTION

- Anchor roof
- Grace entry & garage doors
- Cover windows
- SAFE ROOM

If you are told to evacuate your home or are running into the storm if it takes a different track.

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE:

- Know the safest routes out of your home and out of your neighborhood.
- Know the closest sturdy building. Take pillows/blankets with you.
- Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes.
- Know the terms used to describe tornado threats:
  - Tornado warning: An actual tornado has been spotted.
  - Tornado watch: There is a high risk of tornadoes in the area.
  - Storm warning: An actual storm has been spotted.
  - Storm watch: There is a low risk of severe weather.

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- Prepare your personal emergency kit.
- Prepare your business emergency kit.
- Prepare your community emergency kit.
- Prepare your evacuation plan.
- Prepare your disaster recovery plan.

TORNADOES

- Tornadoes can strike without warning. Be prepared.
- If you are outdoors, find shelter in a sturdy building.
- If you are in a vehicle, go to shelter before the tornado strikes.
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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT

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DISEASE OUTBREAK

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GENERAL TIPS

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HURRICANE DURING AFTER 2.

CLEAN-UP & REPAIRS BEWARE OF CONTRACTOR FRAUD photographs of all damage before repairs and keep all which can puncture your tires! Until power is restored, traffic Avoid driving, especially through water. If you suspect a gas leak, Contact your natural gas provider from a safe location. first making sure that there is not a gas leak. appliances before turning the power back on. Safety goggles, heavy boots, long-sleeve shirts, and long Plug appliances, etc., directly into the generator. vents that could allow carbon monoxide (CO) to come indoors. Before refueling your generator, turn it off and let it cool down. Do not forget to check the oil every time you add gas. DO NOT • Do not cover damage from floods, including storm understanding what is (or is not) covered in your homeowner’s or renter’s insurance policy is a necessity. Take time now to learn about the risks you may face and build confidence that you are properly protected.

HOME HEALTHCARE & HOMEBOUND PATIENTS
• If you are hospitalised, be sure to inform your home health agency and your physician about the best place of action. • If you require care from an other healthcare provider, the agency you belong to must have an agreement with your doctor's office. • You will not be able to return to your home or

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE
Do not leave your pets and do not use your pet as an excuse not to evacuate!

• New Pet 911 pets displayed by a owner are never resultful and their owner.
• Do not leave your pets as an excuse not to evacuate!
• Keep your pets with you.
• Avoid candles. Use battery-operated flashlights and lamps
• If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1
• The time to plan for a fire emergency is now. Take a PLAN:

FLOODING
• Be sure to check on your pet and call your veterinarian. • Flood Zones are periodically updated. (at least two weeks) • Inspect your vehicle’s interior for air leaks. • Keep car windows/air vents closed. Do not use the air

TERRORISM / VIOLENT CRIME
• If you evacuate, remember to take medications, written

PET DISASTERS
Do not bring your pet, and do not use your pet as an excuse not to evacuate!

• Your household is on the go, be sure to have an emergency plan. Your plan will help you know what to do in case of an emergency. Your plan should take into account the possibility of a natural disaster. • If you are told air quality is at risk, cover your nose and

KEEP A PAPER TRAIL
• Keep your head with your hands. • Always supervise children. • Do not leave the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering with your hands down below the windows, covering with your hands

DISASTER PLANNING GUIDE MAP INSIDE
PREPARE NOW!
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• YOUR HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP INSIDE tampabayprepares.org

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There are specific actions you should take to help you manage your home safety and security during a hurricane evacuation. Do not (a) open your windows or doors; (b) run outside; (c) attempt to enter your residence; (d) attempt to use your generator; (e) attempt to use your vehicle; or (f) attempt to travel on any flooded roads. If you suspect a gas leak, Contact your natural gas provider from a safe location. Do not forget to check the oil every time you add gas. You should move to the

BUILDING OR REMODELING?
All mobile home and RV residents must evacuate for personal and property safety. If you have a mobile home or RV that is not in a designated evacuation zone, you must evacuate. Always stay in your mobile home or RV if it’s too late to evacuate! (See above for more information.)

FLOOD PROTECTION
• Avoid flood water. • Stay in your vehicle with the seat belt on. Put your head

TORNADOES
• Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio and/or a battery-operated wind-up radio. • Purchase a battery-powered lantern. • Be familiar with the locations of alternative shelters such as

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• 9-1-1

Hazardous Materials
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DEFENSE AGENCIES
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THINK ABOUT EVACUATION

1. Make emergency contact cards.
2. Print a hurricane event checklist and keep it handy.
3. If you require special needs assistance or have other dependents (infants, family members, pets), contact your physician to determine your needs and limitations.
4. Make sure your neighbors have a safe ride. A friend or relative’s home, hotel, motel, or other nearby designated shelter/evacuation center. Anchor your home using household items or yard furniture. Double check your preparations to make sure you have a safe area to go to.

PICK TWO MEETING PLACES

1. Business所在地
2. Club or place of worship
3. Family
4. Friends
5. Neighbors
6. Other locations

LEAVING COASTAL AREAS

1. If you live on the coast or near coastal lakes or bays, you must leave your home.
2. Do not wait until you see water before evacuating.
3. Do not rely on your car as a shelter.
4. Leave early enough to allow for travel time.
5. Have a plan for taking your pets.
6. Remember to check local media for additional instructions.
7. Do not attempt to drive through high waters.
8. If you live in a mobile home or RV, do not attempt to drive through high water.
9. Do not attempt to cross rising waters.
10. Do not attempt to return home during the storm.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

1. People with disabilities or those who are elderly may require additional assistance. Check on your neighbors, especially if they are alone.
2. Help your neighbors to prepare for the storm.

HOME HEALTHCARE & HOMEBOUND PATIENTS

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PET DISASTER SUPPLIES

1. For each cat, dog, or other pet:
   - Carrier or cage: ensure that the pet can be safely transported in the carrier/cage.
   - Collar: choose a collar that is comfortable and secure for your pet.
   - Leash: ensure that the leash is durable and comfortable for your pet.
   - Food and water: ensure that your pet has enough food and water for the duration of the evacuation.
   - Water: ensure that your pet has access to fresh, clean water.

PROTECT YOUR HOME & BUSINESS

1. Anchor roof:
   - Secure all roof brackets; use rustproof screws and bolts.
   - Seal all vents with caulking.
   - Install wind-resistant shutters or securely attach awnings.
   - Use heavy-duty tarps or plastic sheeting to cover your roof.

2. Cover windows:
   - Use hurricane shutters or plywood to cover windows.
   - Use rubber bands or metal fasteners to secure shutters.
   - Use heavy-duty Tarps and plastic sheeting to cover your roof.

3. Safe room:
   - In the event of a hurricane, use a designated safe room in your house.
   - The safe room should be on the ground floor or lower level of your house.
   - The safe room should be sturdy and able to withstand high winds.
   - The safe room should be well-insulated and well-ventilated.

4. Inspect your home for vulnerable areas:
   - Check for loose or damaged roof shingles.
   - Check for loose or damaged gutters.
   - Check for loose or damaged walls.

5. Protect your home from flood damage:
   - Use sandbags to prevent water from entering your home.
   - Use flood barriers to prevent water from entering your home.
   - Use flood lights to illuminate your home.
   - Use flood fans to circulate air in your home.

6. Stockpile essential items:
   - Food and water: ensure that you have enough food and water for the duration of the evacuation.
   - Medicine and medical supplies: ensure that you have enough medicine and medical supplies for the duration of the evacuation.
   - Clothing and personal items: ensure that you have enough clothing and personal items for the duration of the evacuation.

7. Stay in touch with your family and friends:
   - Use a landline or cell phone to stay in touch with your family and friends.
   - Use social media to stay in touch with your family and friends.
   - Use SMS or text messages to stay in touch with your family and friends.

8. After the storm:
   - Check your home for damage.
   - Check your neighbors for damage.
   - Check your community for damage.
   - Check your pets for damage.

9. Get help from your local government:
   - Use local government resources and services to help you recover from the storm.
   - Use local government resources and services to help you rebuild your home.
   - Use local government resources and services to help you recover from the storm.

10. Get help from your insurance company:
    - Use your insurance company resources and services to help you recover from the storm.
    - Use your insurance company resources and services to help you rebuild your home.
    - Use your insurance company resources and services to help you recover from the storm.

A WORD ABOUT INSURANCE

Understanding what is (or is not) covered in your homeowner’s insurance policy can be confusing. You may attempt to switch policies but the changes you make may not be covered under your current policy.

These are steps to performing mitigation measures in your home or business:

1. Assess your home for pre-storm damage.
2. Assess your home for post-storm damage.
3. Assess your home for ongoing storm damage.
4. Assess your home for future storm damage.
5. Assess your home for past storm damage.
6. Assess your home for current storm damage.
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8. Assess your home for past storm damage.
9. Assess your home for current storm damage.
10. Assess your home for future storm damage.

These are steps to proper insurance protection:

1. Insure your home for its replacement value, not its market value.
2. Insure your contents for their replacement value, not their market value.
4. Keep your flood risk.
5. Keep your flood risk.
8. Keep your flood risk.
10. Keep your flood risk.
PLAN:

IF YOU CANNOT QUICKLY WALK TO A STURDY BUILDING, IMMEDIATELY

FIRE DRILLS:

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE:

Prevention is key. Get your flu shot and other vaccinations.

To minimize damage in high winds, keep your home in

If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building,

Stop the spread. Stay home when you are ill.

Do not allow children to play in or near high water, storm

Many mobile phones are capable of receiving Wireless

If flooding threatens, get to higher ground. Stay away from

during a power outage.

and avoid opening the doors

HURRICANE SAFETY

CHOOSE A CONTACT PERSON

or

REGISTERED NURSES

or

RECOVERY

if flooding threatens, get to higher ground.

If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building,

If you own a business, follow

Your

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if you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building,

Stay inside until local officials say you can leave safely.

Supplies

FAMILIAR SCENTS AND LANDMARKS MAY BE ALTERED.

If you require respirators or other electric-dependent

PET DISASTER SUPPLIES

GENERAL TIPS

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

HOME HEALTHCARE & HOMEBOUND PATIENTS

OBJECTIVES

TORNADOES

The Red Cross can help you with the

When you leave the area, make sure you have

PET REUNION

4. Check out the Pet Disaster Program. The Red Cross has a

5. For pets that require special care, ask your veterinarian

GET READY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT YOU CAN DO

RIPED DISASTER SUPPLIES

An ample food supply

Pet disaster papers

Your best plan of action.

you will be during a hurricane. Ask them about their plans

Your business telephone number and address

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BE PATIENT.
Place generator outdoors and away from doors, windows, and NEVER connect a portable generator to building wiring.
Stationary (whole house) generators run off gas utility lines or Do not burn trash.
Stay tuned to your local media for up-to-date emergency Generators can provide power to your home or business in case Know what your homeowner’s or renter’s insurance policy Avoid candles. Use battery-operated flashlights and lamps
2. Turn refrigerator and freezer dials to the coldest settings 3. Turn off all gas, water, and electricity to your home. 4. Check major appliances for gas leaks. Find the gas meter and tag it. 5. If you live in an evacuation area or if you are on an island, you will not be able to return to your home or