

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



The 2011 Hurricane Season began on June 1 and will continue until November 30. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted an above average season of 12-18 named storms and 6-8 hurricanes. **Are you ready?**

The Great Hurricane Blowout offers a number of preparation resources including tools for

building a family emergency plan and hurricane emergency kit at www.greathurricaneblowout.org.

HAVE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

What will your family do if a hurricane is coming? You should have a family emergency plan.

- Collect copies of important papers like the deed to your home, insurance paperwork, financial information, etc.
- Review your property insurance coverage and keep updated photos and/or a video inventory of your personal belongings.
- Collect important phone numbers like the number of your insurance company, doctor, veterinarian and family contacts and store them in a safe place.
- Identify your evacuation routes. Have an alternate route planned in case the first option is not navigable.
- Identify the safest place in your home to ride out a storm and make sure everyone knows where to go.
- In case your family is not together when a hurricane hits, make sure you have a pre-identified meeting place in addition to your home, and make sure everyone knows the address and phone number of your meeting spot.
- If you have a medical issue or may need help evacuating, contact your local emergency management agency now to find out how to get the help you may need.

BUILD A HURRICANE EMERGENCY KIT

The following supplies should be included in all hurricane emergency kits. Special circumstances such as medical needs or pets should be taken into consideration when planning your kit.

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for each person in the household (one gallon of water per person, per day).

- Battery-powered or hand-crank emergency radio.
- Flashlight.
- Dust masks (at least 4).
- Batteries (8 AA and 4 D).
- Trash bags (4 per kit).
- First aid kit that includes: two pairs of latex or other sterile gloves; sterile dressing to stop bleeding; cleansing agent/soap and antibiotic towelettes to disinfect; antibiotic ointment to prevent infection; burn ointment to prevent infection; adhesive bandages in a variety of sizes; eye wash solution to flush the eyes or as a general decontaminant.
- Can opener.
- Hand sanitizer.
- Five-gallon bucket or other container for kit supplies.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Weather information, tips on making an emergency plan and disaster kit www.ready.gov

Florida's 511 Traveler Information System

Evacuation and emergency travel information www.fl511.com

Great Hurricane Blowout

Tips on making an emergency plan and disaster kit www.greathurricaneblowout.org

NOAA Extreme Weather Information Sheets

State and local emergency contact information, weather radio stations www.ncddc.noaa.gov

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congregations to provide survivors of natural disasters with immediate aid and ongoing assistance to help them rebuild their homes and their lives. For more information on disaster preparedness, please contact David Yarborough at Lutheran Services Florida at 813-676-9505 or dyarborough@lsfnet.org.

