



## YOUR FAMILY PLAN

Update Your Family Plan every year before hurricane season. Everyone should have a role in the plan, including children. Keep a checklist of Your Family Plan items and check it periodically during hurricane season.

- Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Know where you will evacuate to, i.e. shelter, friend, relative, hotel. Share the name, address and phone number with your family.
- Locate a safe room or safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. This is usually an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows or exterior walls that can provide a second level of protection from airborne debris. In a multiple story home, the area beneath a stairwell is a good safe room though usually somewhat small. Closets, bathrooms and utility rooms are other options.
- Store your disaster supplies and emergency items that will provide for your family during a disaster in the safe room.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Know plans for your pets if you stay or evacuate (pets are not allowed in shelters).
- Ask your veterinarian or humane society about microchipping your pets in case they are separated from you during a disaster. Have photos of your pets for identification purposes.
- Inquire if your employer provides special shelter for your family. If so, know the address and phone number.

- If a family member requires life support equipment, make plans for them. Register with your city or county office of Emergency Management for a Special Care shelter. Bring supplies and medication for three days and special equipment. Ask your medical supply vendor about any services they provide in the event of a hurricane and/or power failure.
- Plan to safeguard your home. Check or purchase storm shutters or purchase, cut and store 1/2" or thicker plywood.
- Put valuables, photos and copies of important papers in waterproof bags and store them in a safe place (i.e. safe deposit box), including photos of the exterior and interior of your home, photocopies of driver's licenses, list of medications, important names, addresses, phone numbers (doctors, lawyers, insurance agents, family and friends), account numbers and policy numbers (health, flood, auto and home).
- Make copies of treasured family photos and keep a backup of your computer data to help prevent total loss.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage. Flood damage is not usually covered by standard homeowner's insurance.
- Stock your Must-Have Supplies
- Use a NOAA weather radio and change the batteries every six months.