

Now is the Time to Prepare For All of Florida's Weather!

Preparing for severe weather is the theme of **SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**. Preparedness plans come in all sizes, as dictated by individual and collective needs.

Do you know the basic safety rules?
Would your children know what to do if they were home alone?
Do you have plans in place to move elders or people with disabilities to shelter quickly?

Being Ready for An Emergency is As Easy As. . .

EMERGENCY KIT

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In an emergency you need to be ready to make it on your own. What should you have in your disaster supply kit?

One gallon of water for each person per day. You should have enough water for at least three days. If you have four people in your family, you should store one gallon of water
 $X4 \text{ people} \times 3 \text{ days} = 12 \text{ gallons of water.}$

Canned and dried food – food that is easy to prepare and doesn't need refrigeration

Manual can opener

Sleeping bags or cots

Flashlight or lantern with batteries

First-Aid kit

Bathroom supplies

Medicines

Prescription drugs

Emergency Contact list

Soap and hand sanitizer

Face masks

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio or battery-powered radio

Credit cards and cash

Duct tape

Heavy garbage bags or tarps

Important documents

Waterproof container

Fire extinguisher

Whistle or airhorn

Tools

Pet supplies

Games

Special needs:

- Baby formula, diapers, bottles, and other infant supplies
- Extra eyeglasses
- Hearing aid batteries
- Special equipment for physically challenged
- diabetic supplies
- Serial numbers of medical devices such as pacemakers
- Pet supplies such as a cage, leash, food and vaccination papers

Have two kits:

1. A large kit with three days of supplies.
2. A smaller kit if you must evacuate.

MAKE A PLAN

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Think ahead and create a family emergency plan.

Plan how you will get together in different situations.

Discuss what to do if you must evacuate.

Practice your plans with your family.

Have a contact list.

If phones are down, pick two meeting places:

1. Near your home
2. Somewhere outside the neighborhood

Test smoke/carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

Learn how to turn off gas, electric, water and heater systems at main breaker switches.

Learn First-Aid and CPR.

Discuss basic safety rules.

Make sure children know what to do if they are home alone.

Plan for elders or disabled family members and neighbors.

Include pets in your family emergency plan.

BE INFORMED

Learn about the different threats:

- Severe Weather
- Fire
- Hazardous Materials (biological, chemical, explosive or radiological)
- Nuclear

Discuss the different hazards with your family.

Monitor TV, radio or trusted Internet sites for information.

Stay calm, have plans ready, and listen for instructions from local officials.

If you have questions, call your county emergency management office.

Visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

For kid friendly information and activities, visit www.KidsGetAPlan.com.

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GET READY TODAY!