

The Power of a Hurricane *in the Palm of Your Hands*

Safety Tips and "Tools" to Help Prepare You for the Worst of It...

"Because It's Always Been A Matter Of Trust..."

By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.



**Hurricane
Preparedness**

**ARE
YOU
READY???**

What's *YOUR* Plan???

- ✔ You should have a disaster plan. Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- ✔ Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- ✔ Determine the best evacuation routes from your home and establish a place to meet if you and your family are separated. Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- ✔ Have a "Pet Plan" in place before a storm threatens. Contact your vet or local humane society for information on preparing your pet for an emergency.

Stock Your Disaster Supply Kit:

- ✔ Make sure you have enough nonperishable food and water to last 3-7 days.
- ✔ Prepare a first aid kit which contains any special medications.
- ✔ Keep a basic set of tools, such as a **screw-driver**, hammer, wrench, etc., along with a can opener, flashlight and a battery operated radio.
- ✔ Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. Make sure to keep your policy and any important documents with you in a waterproof bag or container.
- ✔ Make sure to fill up your gas tank and have cash on hand. You never know if you'll be able to have access to either in an extreme case.

These same tips are applicable and important for your workplace as well.

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WATCH vs. WARNING

A HURRICANE WATCH issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within **36 hours**. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.



A HURRICANE WARNING issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least **74 mph** are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE