

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



▶ KNOW YOUR RISK ⚠

Sign up for your community's emergency warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

▶ GATHER SUPPLIES 📦

Give yourself more time than usual to prepare your emergency food, water, and medicine supplies.

- Protect yourself by packing face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting products, and soap. Don't forget protective footwear and gloves too.
- Plan for your entire household including children, people with disabilities and access to functional needs, and pets.
- Gather supplies for at least three days. Stock up on items such as food and water, non-perishable foods, first-aid supplies, prescriptions, pet supplies, flashlights and batteries. Small items like matches, flashlights, a multi-purpose tool, and a whistle can make a huge difference for your family while weathering the storm.
- Always keep your gas tank at least half full and remember to charge electronics you may need.

You may be away from your home for an extended period and your property may be damaged. Grab any items that are irreplaceable or may provide comfort to your family, especially your children. Ask yourself, "What would I need for myself and my family if a hurricane struck?"

▶ SECURE DOCUMENTS 📄

Remember to secure copies of important personal documents, such as: tax documents, home deeds, insurance policies and utility bills. Filing for government assistance requires documentation. Be sure to keep documents in a secure location and take them with you if you need to evacuate. Place these documents in a waterproof bag and back them up on cloud storage or a thumb drive.

▶ PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY 🏠

Shutter your home as needed, review your flood insurance policy (or sign up for one) and declutter drains and gutters. Most homeowner and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage. A flood insurance policy generally does not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so be sure to maintain your policy. Take a video "tour" of your home to document all items and the home's current condition.

▶ MAKE YOUR EVACUATION PLAN ✓

Check with local officials about updated evacuation shelters for this year. You should note that your regular shelter may not be open this year due to COVID-19. If you need to go to a disaster shelter, follow CDC recommendations for staying safe and healthy in a public disaster shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people outside of your household
- Wash your hands often (for at least 20 seconds)
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Follow shelter policies for wearing cloth face coverings
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces such as handrails
- Do not share food and drink with anyone if possible

▶ FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, VISIT:

recovery.texas.gov/preparedness

ready.gov/hurricanes

cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/covid-19/prepare-for-hurricane.html