Every Floridian should develop a family preparedness plan well in advance of a storm threat.

FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR STAYING AT HOME DURING A HURRICANE

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More information:

- www.redcross.org
- www.floridadisaster.org
- www.fema.gov/infbu
- 1-888-CALL-FLOOD est.445
- www.nfl.org/infobu
- 1-877-221-SAFE
- 1-800-342-3067

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FOOD—at least enough for 3 days
— non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
— food for infants or the elderly
— snack foods
— non-electric can opener
— cooking tools/fuel
— paper plates/plastic utensils

CLOTHING—seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes

BLANKETS/PILLOWS, etc.

FIRST AID KIT/MEDICINES
— prescription and non-prescription medications
— glasses, dentures, hearing aids, etc.

SPECIAL ITEMS—for babies and elderly

TOILETRIES—Hygiene items

MOISTURE WIPES

FLASHLIGHT/BATTERIES

RADIO—Battery Operated and NOAA Weather Radio

CASH

KEYS—Extra set of home and car keys

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS in a waterproof container
— insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
— Document all valuables

TOYS/BOOKS/ENTERTAINMENT

TOOLS—Keep a set with you during the storm

VEHICLE FUEL TANKS FILLED

PET CARE ITEMS
— proper identification/immunization records
— ample supply of food and water
— a carrier or cage
— medications
— muzzle and leash

Watch and Warning...Know the Difference

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, and protective measures should be initiated—especially those actions 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. 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.

For More Information:
Florida Department of Community Affairs
http://www.floridadisaster.org
Florida Emergency Information Line: 1.800.342.3557

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
http://www.fema.gov
http://www.fema.gov/kids

American Red Cross
http://www.redcross.org

Florida Alliance for Safe Homes
1.877.221.7233 (Toll Free)
http://www.flash.org

Florida Department of Agriculture
Division of Animal Industry
Tips for preparing your animals for an emergency:
http://doacs.state.fl.us/~ai/esf17.htm

County Contact Information:
(If this area is blank, check the Government Pages of your phone book for your county’s emergency management office phone number)

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