

To be prepared you should:

1. Make an <u>emergency plan</u> for your family.

2. Build an emergency kit. Keep it ready at home, at work or in the car. Recommended items for your emergency kit can be found at <u>readync.org</u>.

3. Gather prescriptions and important paperwork such as insurance policies, marriage licenses, and birth certificates in a waterproof container to take with you.

4. Pay close attention to changing weather predictions. Your local officials will dictate evacuation orders and they should be obeyed immediately. You can follow the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center on Twitter at <u>@NWSSPC</u> for updates on the changing weather conditions.

5. Know your <u>evacuation route</u>. Before you evacuate, fill up your gas tank and pack nonperishable snacks and water for the trip. Never drive through standing water.

6. Move valuables to higher points of your home to avoid damage in the event of flooding. Park cars inside the garage and move bulky objects, such as lawn chairs and trash cans, inside.

7. Check your insurance coverage. Damage caused by flooding is usually not covered by homeowners insurance policies. To learn more about protecting your home, visit <u>floodsmart.gov</u>.

For more information about how to prepare for hurricanes, please visit <u>readync.org</u> and <u>ready.gov/hurricanes</u>. In case of an emergency dial 9-1-1.

Stay Safe,

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