

Hurricane Preparedness Week 2012

Friday: Take Action

Before hurricane season starts you should:

- Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit. These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location.
 - Make sure that your kit is easy to, "Grab and Go." Having a tag on the outside with "Last minute additions" (insurance information, deed, medications, etc.) listed is helpful
- Write out your Family Disaster Plan.
 Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area. Identify an out-of-town family contact.
 http://www.ready.gov/emergency-planning-checklists

When a Hurricane Watch (48 hours until hazardous conditions) is issued you should:

- Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit. Replenish your water.
- Activate your Family Disaster Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time (for example, securing a boat or leaving a barrier island). Verify accessibility to your pre-planned route

When a Hurricane Warning (36 hours until hazardous conditions) is issued you should:

- Listen to the Emergency Alert System. Make sure you pay attention to evacuation route and shelter status.
- Load your Disaster Supply Kit. If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit and cash (not credit/debit cards) with you.
- Use your Family Disaster Plan. Your family should have completed protective actions, and be en-route to your pre-planned location for the storm.