

Prepare NOW for Hurricane Season

Prepare Your Family Prepare Your Home

Family Disaster Plan

- Be aware of your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Be proactive by keeping supplies handy that will help you to reinforce your home.
- Locate safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest area may not be in your home but within your community.
- Determine evacuation routes and places to reunite with loved ones.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a point of contact so all your family members can check in should you become separated.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Review your insurance coverage and keep these papers in a waterproof container to take with you if you need to leave your home.
- Stock non-perishable food, emergency supplies and medicines in a Disaster Supply Kit.
- Use a NOAA weather radio and keep extra batteries handy.
- Keep your vehicle filled with gas when storms are forecasted.

Make the Call!

USPS Employee Assistance Program
1-800-327-4968
(1-800-EAP-4-YOU) TTY: 1-877-492-7341
www.EAP4YOU.com

Preparing Your Home

- Have backflow valves installed in your plumbing's sewer traps to prevent flood waters from backing up into the drains of your home.
- Make a list of items to bring inside in case of hurricane-force winds and/or flooding (patio furniture, lawn decorations, tools, trash cans, planters, etc.).
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts so that water is able to drain properly.
- Raise your furnace, water heater, and electric panel if they are in areas of your home that may be flooded.
- Seal walls and openings in basements with water-proofing compounds to avoid seepage through cracks.
- Take photographs of your home for insurance purposes.
- Follow recommended guidelines for boarding up windows and doors should winds be hurricane force.
- Write down instructions for how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so.

