

# **Preparedness Roundup**

# Hurricane Preparedness Week 5/25 – 5/31

### **Hurricane Preparedness Tips**

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause dangerous hazards such as flooding, high winds, and tornadoes. The following tips will help prepare you and your loved ones for the upcoming hurricane season:

**Get a kit.** The Red Cross recommends that you have enough food, water, and supplies for at least 72 hours. Don't forget to include copies of important personal documents, a change of clothes, first aid supplies, personal medications, batteries, flashlights and cash. For more ideas about what you should include in your kit click <u>here</u>.

**Create a plan and put to the test.** Gather everyone in your household to discuss your evacuation plan. Make sure that everyone knows their specific roles and is ready to act should a warning or watch be issued for your area. Practice traveling your evacuation routes at least once per year.

**Prepare for the worst.** Assemble hardware, plywood and other basic construction supplies well in advance. Since most basic insurance plans don't cover flooding, explore supplemental options that will protect your home. Visit **floodsmart.gov** to learn more.



#### \* Consider sharing the contents of this slide with family, community members and local partners

SOURCE: Redcross.org and other external sources.

### **Hurricane Safety Tips**

**Stay informed.** Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service. Download the Red Cross Hurricane App for up to the minute information and alerts.

**Protect your home and loved ones.** Close windows, doors and shutters. Use plywood to help protect large windows and glass doors. Secure objects around your home that might easily get blown away. Review your preparedness plan with all household members and check your disaster supply kit.

**Know when to go.** Always evacuate if advised to do so by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges. Have several routes in mind before you hit the road.

What should you do afterwards? Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for updates on the situation. Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane has ended. If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe to do so.



## Next Week's Roundup: CPR & AED Awareness



Next Page