

Are You Ready for a Hurricane?

Hurricane season is here. Do you know how to protect your family in the event of a hurricane? Your local American Red Cross will always be ready to respond with lifesaving relief and emotional support. But the best way to protect your family and your home, is to be prepared *before* disaster strikes.

- ☑ **Prepare a personal evacuation plan.** Decide in advance where your family should go in the event of an emergency, and establish a family contact person outside of your area.
- ☑ **Assemble a disaster supplies kit.** Include a first aid kit, essential medications, canned food, can opener, water (three gallons per person), protective clothing, bedding, radio, flashlight, extra batteries and any special-needs items.
- ☑ **Protect your home against high winds.** Use pre-cut plywood or shutters to cover windows, secure any loose objects in and around your home. Remove weak limbs from surrounding trees.
- ☑ **Evacuate when necessary.** Listen to local radio and TV stations for up-to-date storm information and follow the advice of local authorities.

To learn more about how you can keep your family and your home safer this hurricane season, please contact your local American Red Cross chapter.

Cut and save these tips as a helpful reference.



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