

Maintenance and Repair

Before an emergency, make sure that your home is in good repair. Let property managers know about repairs that need to be done, such as fixing damaged siding or shingles. A home that's in good repair is less likely to suffer damage. Be aware of your landscaping. Talk with your property manager about dangerous trees and other hazards that could become dangerous to the home during a storm.

Protect the Home

If you know a disaster is coming, protect your home. Bring loose items indoors or secure them. Know how to turn off home utilities, and have a wrench handy to do so. Get your property management company involved – as you enter into a tenancy relationship, clarify with your property managers who's responsible for doing activities such as boarding up windows before a hurricane arrives.

Emergency Supplies

Tenants should have supplies on hand, including an emergency kit that includes first aid supplies, several days' supply of water (a gallon per person per day), canned and dehydrated food, a can opener, flashlights and batteries, an emergency radio, a phone with a solar charger, and a dust mask and gloves. If you take prescription medication, make sure you have some on hand. Make sure that you have a grab and go bag as well as emergency kits in different locations, such as outside the home and in the car.

Pet Care

Do you have a plan to take care of your animals? Make sure that your pets have the proper licenses in case your local shelters can welcome them. Keep pet food and a pet bowl in your emergency kit as well.

Emergency Plan

Make a family emergency plan, including information for out of town contacts, medical and social security information for each family member, and the location of each family member during the typical day. Make a plan to meet in a specific location if you are separated.

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