

Hurricane season begins June 1st. I encourage all of you to have an evacuation plan. Once your plan is in place, tell your family and friends and advise them of the importance of preparing their own evacuation plan so they too can be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season.

Remember, the safety of you and your family comes first, so please make your plans today.

ARE YOU READY TO EVACUATE? CHECK LIST

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- A three-day supply of both non-perishable food and drinking water (one gallon per person per day)
- First-aid kit with your family's medications
- Change of clothing and footwear, one blanket/sleeping bag for each person, sanitation supplies, extra batteries, a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, an extra set of car and house keys, cash or traveler's checks and credit cards.
- Any special items needed for the care of infant, elderly or disabled family members and important papers, such as property inventory and insurance records.

EMERGENCY CAR KIT

- A battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Blankets
- Booster cables
- Maps, bottled water
- Shovel, a tire-repair kit and pump
- Fire extinguisher and flares
- High energy non-perishable foods

REMEMBER

-  When a hurricane threatens, listen to your local radio and television reports for evacuation orders from local government officials, Red Cross shelter locations outside of the risk area, and information on available evacuation routes.
-  Don't forget to take along your **Disaster Supply Kit** and your **Emergency Car Kit**.
-  Remember to take important papers like personal identification documents, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, banking statements, wills, deeds and family heirlooms and mementos.
-  Your evacuation plan should include where you are going and what route you are taking to get there.
-  Alert your out-of-state contact of your departure time and destination.