

DEVELOPING AN EMERGENCY PLAN

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Atlantic Hurricane Season is from June 1st to November 30th. Ensure everyone in your household understands the Emergency Plan. Follow these steps from [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) to create an emergency plan:

STEP 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends and household to start your emergency plan

How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?

For more information on Wireless Emergency Alerts, the Emergency Alert System and NOAA Weather Radio, please visit, [ready.gov/alerts](https://www.ready.gov/alerts).

What is my shelter plan?

For more information on sheltering at home, mass care shelters, and sheltering in place, please visit [ready.gov/shelter](https://www.ready.gov/shelter).

What is my evacuation route?

For more information on evacuating before, during and after an emergency, please visit [ready.gov/evacuation](https://www.ready.gov/evacuation).

Do I need to update my emergency preparedness kit?

For more information on assembling an emergency preparedness kit, maintaining your kit, and storage locations, please visit [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit). Also, be sure to include face masks and sanitizer this year!

Check with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and update my emergency plans due to the Coronavirus. Get cloth face coverings (for everyone over 2 years old), disinfectants, and check your sheltering plan!!!!

STEP 2: Consider specific needs in your household

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your

needs and responsibilities and how people in your network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance. Keep some of these factors in mind when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

STEP 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use it as a guide to create your own. FEMA provides an 8-page interactive emergency plan template:

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/create-your-family-emergency-communication-plan.pdf>

STEP 4: Practice your plan with your family/household

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