Hurricanes are powerful storms that can threaten your life, family, & property.

Although living through a hurricane and potentially leaving your home can be scary, you will have time to prepare. Prepare by learning about what to do **BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER** a hurricane to best protect yourself and your family.
Hurricanes can also reach places far from the ocean, causing heavy rain, flooding, damaging wind, and even tornados.

HURRICANES HAPPEN MORE OFTEN FROM JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30.
Stay informed

Pay attention to reliable sources such as the National Hurricane Center (nhc.noaa.gov), local emergency management agencies, and news channels.

You may receive emergency alerts from the Federal Government (under the name FEMA) on your cellphone.

It’s important to understand the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning.

**HURRICANE WATCH**
Hurricane conditions are possible.

**HURRICANE WARNING**
Hurricane conditions are expected.
Protect your property

Trees and shrubs can cause damage when they break or fall during a storm. Trim trees or shrubs around your home, or if renting, talk to your landlord on how they will protect your home.

REMEMBER:

Bring your belongings indoors to keep them safe and to avoid damage to your belongings, home, and other people’s homes.
## Prepare an emergency kit

### Consider Including the Following Essentials:

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<td>3-day supply of water for each family member &amp; pet</td>
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<td>3-day supply of formula or prepared baby food, diapers, wipes, &amp; other essentials for children</td>
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IF YOU CAN, CONSIDER PACKING THESE RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

- Copies of important personal documents
- A pocket knife, reusable eating utensils, & a whistle
- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Solar charger or power pack for phone
- Plastic sheet or tarp for rain protection
- Portable, battery-operated radio & extra batteries
Create an emergency plan

Establish a safe meeting place with your family members in case you get separated. Give each family member a task to do, such as gathering important documents or packing the emergency kit.

REMEMBER:

Share your plan with relatives or friends outside your neighborhood so they can stay updated on your location. Consider sharing your location with relatives or friends on WhatsApp.