FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS
FOR STAYING AT HOME
DURING A HURRICANE

1. Develop a family disaster plan
2. Stay alert to storm advisories
   WATCH and WARNING—Know the difference.
3. Purchase a NOAA weather radio
4. Keep a Disaster Supply Kit ready
5. Have enough food and water for
   at least three days
6. Protect valuable documents
7. Make your home more disaster resistant
   Prepare to board up windows and glass doors, anchor
   loose yard objects or bring them inside.
8. Get cash
   Following a hurricane, banks and ATMs may be
   temporarily closed.
9. Fill your car with gasoline
10. Have a pet plan
    Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian
    or local humane society for information on preparing
    your pets for an emergency.
11. Do not use candles or open flames
    as a light source
12. Work with your neighbors
    Check on elderly or those with special needs.
13. As the storm hits, gather your family
    in a safe room (An interior room with no
    windows)
14. Following the storm, watch out for
    downed power lines
15. Listen to your local officials!
Disaster Supply Kit

WATER—at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 days

FOOD—at least enough for 3 days
— non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
— food for infants or the elderly
— snack foods
— non-electric can opener
— cooking tools/fuel
— paper plates/plastic utensils

CLOTHING—seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes
BLANKETS/PILLOWS, etc.

FIRST AID KIT/MEDICINES
— prescription and non-prescription medications
— glasses, dentures, hearing aids, etc.

SPECIAL ITEMS—for babies and elderly

TOILETRIES—Hygiene items
MOISTURE WIPES

FLASHLIGHT/BATTERIES

RADIO—Battery Operated and NOAA Weather Radio

CASH

KEYS—Extra set of home and car keys

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS in a waterproof container
— insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
— Document all valuables

TOYS/BOOKS/ENTERTAINMENT

TOOLS—Keep a set with you during the storm

VEHICLE FUEL TANKS FILLED

PET CARE ITEMS
— proper identification/immunization records
— ample supply of food and water
— a carrier or cage
— medications
— muzzle and leash

Watch and Warning…Know the Difference

When a HURRICANE WATCH is issued for your part of the coast, it means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area. The hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds. This watch should trigger your family’s disaster plan, and proactive measures should be initiated especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

When a HURRICANE WARNING is issued for your part of the coast, it means that hurricane conditions are expected within the warning area. The hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing proactive actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Florida Division of Emergency Management
http://www.floridadisaster.org
http://www.facebook.com/FloridaSERT
http://twitter.com/#!/flsert

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
http://www.fema.gov
http://www.fema.gov/kids

American Red Cross
http://www.redcross.org

Florida Alliance for Safe Homes
1.877.221.7233 (Toll Free)
http://www.flash.org

FL Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry
Tips for preparing your animals for an emergency:
www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/adc/adc_emerg_manag_links.shtml

County Contact Information:
(If this area is blank, check the Government Pages of your phone book for your county’s emergency management office phone number)

FOR EVACUATING DURING A HURRICANE
FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Stay alert to storm advisories
WATCH and WARNING—know the difference.

Enact your family disaster plan

Map out your route
Use travel routes specified by local authorities. DO NOT get on the road without a place to go.

Fill your car with gasoline

Evacuate If told to do so
DO NOT get stranded, EVACUATE EARLY

Enact your pet plan
Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.

Bring your disaster supply kit
Including important documents.

Secure your home before leaving
Board up windows and glass doors, anchor loose yard objects or bring them inside and lock your doors.

Get cash
Following a hurricane banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed.

Notify family and friends of your plans

When evacuating:
If possible, evacuate to the home of either friends or family in a non-vulnerable area within your county. Next try a motel or hotel and as a last resort go to a shelter. Remember, shelters are not designed for comfort and do not usually accept pets.

People who require special assistance in evacuating should register with their local emergency management office.