



## **DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?** **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS:** **Be #WestonReady Throughout the Season**

A family emergency and communication plan is an important part of preparations for the hurricane season. Here is a step-by-step list. The key is to **START NOW** – well in advance of a storm threatening our area.



- **STEP 1 Hold a family meeting and create a communication plan**

Make a plan to secure your home and assist family members who need assistance with shutters, removing patio furniture and other items. Assign tasks to each family member so everyone knows their responsibilities. Make an [Emergency Communication Plan](#), so that all family members know where to go and who to contact should you become separated.

- **STEP 2 Discuss shelter options**

Determine where you will go if a storm threatens our area. General Population Shelters provide only basic needs. A shelter should be your choice of last resort.

- **STEP 3 Ensure your assets are protected**

Inventory (and photograph) your home possessions, review insurance policies to ensure for adequate coverage. Keep important records in a water-proof and fire-proof container.

- **STEP 4 Assess your home for vulnerable areas**

Evaluate your roof, windows, garage door, landscaping, etc. and determine what actions can be taken now to help secure your home prior to a storm threatening our area.

- **STEP 5 Make a plan to protect your vehicles**

Decide where you will store your vehicle, boat or recreational vehicles.

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## PLANNING IS KEY TO PREPARATION

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- **STEP 6 Secure your home**  
Decide what actions you will need to take to protect your home and property (shutters, generator, trim trees) once a storm watch is issued.
- **STEP 7 Determine if anyone in your home needs special assistance**  
Discuss whether anyone in your home is elderly or has special medical needs and, if so, register with Broward County to be on the Special Needs or Vulnerable Population registries.
- **STEP 8 Make a plan for your pet**  
Determine how you will address your pet's needs and make a plan for your pet in case you have to evacuate. Be sure to plan for large animals such as horses.
- **STEP 9 Gather your supplies**  
Determine your family's food, water and medical needs and assemble your family's [Disaster Survival Kit](#). Visit [Westonfl.org/Hurricane](http://Westonfl.org/Hurricane) for a list of recommended items.
- **STEP 10 Notify others of your plan**  
Let family or friends know what your hurricane plan is so they can check on you in the aftermath of the storm.

### Test Your Knowledge on Hurricane Preparedness

Broward County encourages you to take the following survey on hurricane preparedness to help you determine if you are ready or not.

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