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Be Ready, with ReadyTown

With the official start of hurricane season, June 1st, just over a week away, the City of Weston wants to remind residents, business owners and anyone in the county that **ReadyTown** is available on the city's website to make an individualized emergency preparedness plan.

Weston was the first city in the nation to offer this all-hazards on-line preparedness tool to assist the community in preparing for an emergency. It is a simple, step-by-step, online guide to building an emergency preparedness plan for individuals or families. It's easy and actually fun to click through, which is why it works.

ReadyTown consists of three main sections:

- 1. Make A Plan** - Includes Emergency contacts, Family meeting places, important numbers, Grab- and-go folder, and Special needs planning.
- 2. Build A Kit** - Categories include: Food & Water; First aid; Personal hygiene; Clean air items; Baby needs; Lighting; Communication, Transportation; and Pets.
- 3. Learn to Prepare** - An extensive resource library.

After assisting users in making an emergency plan and checklists of essential survival items, the program will send the user email reminders on what still needs to be completed and a list of items on your checklist that need to be obtained (users can unsubscribe from reminders). The preparedness plan can be emailed to a personal email accounts so that it can be accessed from anywhere at any time; it encourages users to send a copy to family members and caretakers.

An emergency preparedness plan is not just for the possibility of a hurricane. What would happen if you home burned down tomorrow? If an emergency situation closed down access to your home for hours? Would children know where to meet? Would caregivers know where to pick them up or who to contact? Do you have insurance policy and contact numbers available?

The question is: *Will you be ready in a disaster?*

Visit the Weston ReadyTown site today to ensure you are.

To access ReadyTown go to www.westonfl.org Under Residents & Visitors, click on Hurricane/Flood Info, then ReadyTown. The direct URL is: <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/ReadyTown>

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