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Hurricane Awareness Week: Emergency Preparedness Supplies

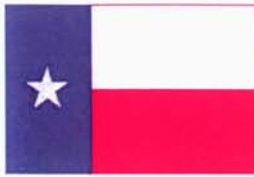
AUSTIN – It's a good idea to put together emergency preparedness supplies long before you need them. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service advise that it's much easier to gather the supplies and documents you need before hurricane season starts. Hurricane season begins on June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

Having emergency supplies in easy-to-carry containers will serve you well, no matter what kind of natural or manmade emergency you may face. Use this checklist:

- First-aid kit
- Extra prescription medications, written copies of prescriptions, other special medical items
- Important documents and records, photo IDs, proof of residence, information you may need to process insurance claims
- Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable)
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Phone numbers of family and friends.
- Road maps, a travel plan, hotel reservations, list of places between your town and your destination you can stop if the highways are clogged.
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day,
- Coolers for food and ice storage, paper plates, plastic utensils.
- Manual can opener, knife, tools, booster cables, fire extinguisher, duct tape, tarp, rope
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and extra clothing
- Toilet paper, cleanup supplies, personal hygiene products
- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids
- Special supplies needed for babies, older adults or pets
- Extra keys



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Main Message: Prepare your emergency supplies and copies of important documents before hurricane season begins June 1.

Having these emergency supplies on hand will serve you well, no matter what kind of hazard you may face. Plan for your supplies to last three to seven days.

Key Talking Points:

Your supplies should include:

- Food, water and cash (including small bills) because power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable.
- First-aid kit, extra prescription medications, written copies of prescriptions, special medical items, eyeglasses, hearing aids.
- Toilet paper, cleanup supplies, personal hygiene products, special items for babies, the elderly and pets.
- Copies of important documents and records, photo IDs, driver license, proof of residence, account numbers, information you may need to process insurance claims. Maintain in a waterproof container that is easy to carry.
- Battery-operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, extra keys, tools, NOAA weather radio.
- Road maps, a list of places between your town and your destination where you can stop if the highways are clogged, phone numbers of family and friends.
- Food supplies should include a three-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage, paper plates, plastic utensils, manual can opener.

- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and extra clothing.
- Supplies for pets, including leashes and carry cases.