



PREPAREDNESS TIPS AND RESOURCES

GENERAL - HURRICANE

A very good resource for emergency preparedness is

[ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) in the US

[getprepared.gc.ca](https://www.getprepared.gc.ca) in Canada

The 5 “P”s to take with you (other than people) if you have 5 minutes to evacuate:

- Prescriptions
- Pets
- Papers – passport, birth certificates, marriage license, social security card, insurance info, etc...
- Phone
- Photos – important ones

A non-“P” addition would be a written-down phone number list in case your personal phone runs out of battery and you have the opportunity to use a different one to make calls. With yours dead, how would you know the numbers to call if they weren’t written down someplace?

If you are evacuating, make hotel reservations if you are not planning to spend time with relatives and/or friends. Make sure that the hotel is “pet friendly” and be sure to take necessary pet supplies like:

- Collar with identification info for you
- Food and water for many days
- Bedding
- Favorite toys
- Medications if applicable
- Vaccination records
- Sanitary items like litter and “poop bags”

If you are evacuating to a shelter, make sure that it is “pet friendly” if you are bringing your animals. Many, if not most, will not be as the must accommodate all folks.

The **FEMA App** has not only sections on receiving alerts from them (very customizable) but safety tips, checklists for building your “go-kit” and other Disaster Resources, which most importantly, lists open shelters across the country organized by state which includes if they support special needs and/or allow pets.

As part of your personal emergency preparedness plan, take photos of your residency inside. Be as detailed as possible, ie: open cupboards and sideboards, closets, chest drawers etc.. These become invaluable if you have to file a claim with your insurance carrier. If you do experience damage, try to stand in the same spot when taking pictures of the damage. By comparing the “Before” and “After” pictures of the same views, adjusters have an easier time processing your

claim. Make sure the photos you take are secured (see the 5 “P”s above) or are uploaded to the cloud where you can access them after an event.

If you do need to evacuate, before you go, freeze a small container (like a small water bottle with the top cut off or a water glass) of water and once frozen, put a penny on top of the ice. Leave this in your freezer when you evacuate. When you come back, if the penny is still on top of the ice, then chances are good the items you had stored in there will have remained frozen. If the penny is not on top any longer, best to probably throw everything out, but before you do, take pictures of the items for your claim (see note above about photos.)

Does your personal preparedness plan include recovery items? Things like:

- Blue tarp big enough to cover your roof
- 1x lumber to secure tarp at edges
- Screws/nails to secure the lumber
- Charged screw gun or hammer
- PPE such as gloves, glasses, N95 masks

There is a very good app for iOS (and probably is available for Android also) called **“NHC Data”**. It does a very good job presenting the information from the NOAA National Hurricane Center site in an easy to use format. It does cost \$1.99.

FOR LOCALS

NOTE: The import consideration is the safety of your members as well as the preservation of records and documents necessary for the continuation of the Local’s operations

Identify and secure for transport important records of the Local such as:

- Checking, savings and investment account information including checkbooks, deposit slips, checks
- Insurance policy information
- Computers with member and Local information

Notify the General Office in writing about the Local’s Operations Continuity plan. If you are evacuating:

- Where the records are going
- How to get in touch with your officers
- What your staff will be doing

Communicate with your members about preparedness sooner rather than later letting them know

- About the potential hazard
- Where to find up-to-date information about the storm
- Where to find information about shelters in their area
- How to contact the Local if evacuation is necessary

Keep your membership updated on:

- Details of the event
- The Local’s preparedness plans
- How to reach your officers

After the storm, check in with the membership by email, phone, text, carrier pigeon or whatever it takes to find out

- If they and their family are ok
- If they evacuated, where they are
- What their immediate needs are
- Assess their storm damage
- Let them know about resources available for recovery in their area such as:
 - IATSE's Walsh, DiTolla, Spivak Foundation (if it has been activated for the event)
 - State AFL-CIO relief hotlines, funds, etc
 - The Actors Fund
 - ESTA Foundation
 - Governmental and non-governmental Service Organizations like
 - FEMA
 - Red Cross

VIDEOS

General

“It Started Like Any Other Day” (4:12)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_omgt3MEBs

Hurricane

“A Lady Called Camille” (13:17)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtNThN-lyJU>

Earthquake

“When the Earth Shakes” – Animated video (1:40)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXxPTAhMGLI>

Earthquake Myths-UCLA Health Emergency Preparedness (2:36)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBJclxilHxM>

“Preparedness Now” – TV Documentary – BC Content (23:00)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_IWJx-mOw0

Wildfire

“Ready, Set, Go? Wildfire Preparedness” (3:25)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsdgzI0gd30>

“Be Wise Be FireSmart Against Wildfires” (4:55) – Canadian Content

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=af4hPwpruvo>