

HURRICANE TIPS

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- Check on these emergency items: water, boots, raincoats, flashlights and batteries, battery-powered radio, hurricane lamp, matches, hurricane shutters, hooks and latches.
- Keep plastic bags, nails, hammer and other tools handy
- Have on hand simple first aid supplies
- Stock 4-5 days supply of food that does not need cooking or refrigeration
- Make sure you have material for battening up doors and windows
- See that galvanized sheeting on your roofs, out-buildings and fences are securely fastened.
- If your house is in a high risk area, subject to a storm surge (tidal wave) or flooding, be sure you know of a safe shelter; preferably with relatives or friends.
- Trim trees with branches near to buildings or electrical lines. Also pick fruits off trees as these can be carried by the wind and cause further damage.
- Be sure to understand the hurricane warning system. That is the three phases – Alert, Watch and Warning. These are indicators of how far away the hurricane is from your location.
- Keep in touch with your Parish Disaster Preparedness Committee and know how the committee works

BEFORE THE HURRICANE

MONITOR

- Have a radio and spare batteries

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- Keep radio on and listen for the latest warnings and bulletins which will be given via radio and television.
- After the first bulletin has been issued listen carefully for the summary of the most up to date bulletin.

CHECK EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

- Emergency cooking facilities (e.g. oil and coal stoves) may be necessary
- You may need to keep a supply of kerosene oil and charcoal
- Store extra food – especially kinds which can be eaten without being cooked or with very little preparation (canned foods or perishable items).