

2018 HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS



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Survivors at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after hurricanes Irma and María. As financial preparedness is an essential part of 2018 hurricane season planning, in this issue we share valuable tips to help you be better prepared financially. Share the news with your friends, family and neighbors so they can also be prepared.

Recovery starts with preparedness!

BE FINANCIALLY PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Financial preparedness is an essential part of 2018 hurricane season planning. Being financially prepared means you should take several factors into consideration.

- **Costs associated with disasters**
Insurance deductibles, evacuation costs and initial out-of-pocket disaster expenses
- **Homeowner's or Renter's insurance coverage**
Home, car, flooding, other
- **FEMA's Emergency Financial First Aid Kit**
Complete yours at ready.gov/financial-preparedness
- **Have some cash on hand**
Large and small bills
- **Have money in an emergency fund**
Save a few extra dollars each week and spread out shopping for your 10 days of supplies
- **Flood-proof important papers**
Place photocopies of important documents in a plastic bag or upload copies of important documents to the cloud
- **Arrange to receive your benefits electronically**
Authorize direct deposits
- **Emergency-only credit card**
Will help document disaster-related expenses



GATHER SUPPLIES FOR 10 DAYS

Consider the area where you live and your family specific needs. A basic emergency supply kit includes:

WATER – one gallon per person per day or 10 gallons per person

FOOD – at least a 10-day supply of non-perishable food per person and a non-electric can opener

MEDICINE – prescription and over-the-counter

CASH – large and small bills

BATTERIES

CELL PHONE with chargers and a backup battery

FLASHLIGHTS or **SOLAR LAMPS**

RADIO – battery-powered or hand-crank

PROPANE GAS or **CHARCOAL** for grilling

PAPER TOWELS, moist towelettes, toiletries and garbage bags

PET FOOD and extra water

IMPORTANT FAMILY DOCUMENTS



Visit

fema.gov/disaster/4339 to stay on top of Puerto Rico's recovery updates from Hurricane Maria and the latest preparedness tips for 2018 Hurricane Season.

