

Titusville Residents urged to be prepared for Hurricane Season



Just as every home should have a smoke alarm, every home should have an **emergency supply kit** packed and ready. And being prepared doesn't have to cost a lot of money. While emergency preparedness is ongoing at the City of Titusville, it's also an individual's responsibility to be prepared.

The Florida web site www.floridadisaster.org includes an emergency kit checklist and other preparedness tips. Local information such as evacuation routes, emergency shelters and other emergency information can be found at www.titusville.com and www.embrevard.com . More information on emergency preparedness can also be found at FEMA's emergency preparedness web site www.Ready.gov

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it might take days. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer.

An emergency preparedness kit should include:

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-electric can opener
- Local maps;
- Moist towelettes, toilet paper, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Other items to consider include sleeping bags or blankets, paper towels, books, puzzles and games for children and pet food for family pets. It's helpful to have cash in case banks are closed and ATMs are not operating.

Putting together an emergency kit isn't expensive. Many of the items can usually be found in the home. Emergency supplies can be stored in an easy-to-carry plastic storage container or duffel bag, making them easy to grab and go if an emergency forces people to leave their home. Please be prepared!

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