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# NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

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**2018 HURRICANE AWARENESS TOUR**

- May 7 - McAllen, Texas**  
McAllen Miller International Airport (MFE)
- May 8 - Beaumont, Texas**  
Jack Brooks Regional Airport (BPT)
- May 9 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, Ryan Field (BTR)
- May 10 - Montgomery, Alabama**  
Montgomery Regional Airport, Dannelly Field (MGM)
- May 11 - Lakeland, Florida**  
Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL)

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## Sunday

**May 6th Determine Your Risk**  
Hurricanes bring many hazards to U.S. coastlines and inland areas, including storm surge along the coast, inland flooding due to heavy rainfall, tornadoes, strong wind, rip currents and large waves.

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Find out today what types of wind and water hazards could happen where you live, and then start preparing now for how to handle them. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Their impacts can be felt hundreds of miles inland, and significant impacts can occur without it being a major hurricane. Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 6-12, 2018) is your time to prepare for a potential land-falling tropical storm or hurricane.

- [NOAA Coastal Services historical hurricane tracks tool](#)
- [Hurricane Return Periods](#)

## Monday

The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a storm surge hurricane evacuation zone or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Identify someone, perhaps a friend or relative who doesn't live in a zone or unsafe home, and work it out with them to use their home as your evacuation destination. Be sure to account for your pets, as most local shelters do not permit them. Put the plan in writing for you and those you care about.

**May 7th Develop an Evacuation Plan**  
Find out today if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone. Plan where you'll go and how you would get there. Leave immediately if ordered to evacuate and be sure to plan for your pets.

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- [Maps of evacuation zones courtesy of Federal Alliance for Safe Homes \(FLASH\)](#)
- [National storm surge risk maps](#)

## Tuesday

You're going to need supplies not just to get through the storm but for the potentially lengthy and unpleasant aftermath. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long. You'll need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights. Many of us have cell phones, and they all run on batteries. You're going to need a portable, crank or solar powered USB charger.

**May 8th Assemble Disaster Supplies**  
Get your supplies before hurricane season begins. Have enough food and water for each person for at least one week. Be sure to fill your prescriptions and have medicine on hand. Radios, batteries and phone chargers are also must haves. Gas up your vehicle and extra cash on hand.

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- [FEMA Make a Plan](#)
- [FLASH: Assembling A Disaster Kit](#)



## Wednesday

**May 9th**  
**Get an Insurance Checkup**  
Check in with your insurance agent well before hurricane season. Remember that flood insurance must be obtained separately. Prepare your home/vehicles according to your policy, and know where your insurance documents are located - take them with you if you evacuate. Visit [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) for more information.

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Call your insurance company or agent and ask for an insurance check-up to make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or even replace your home. Don't forget coverage for your car or boat. Remember, standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. Whether you're a homeowner or renter, you'll need a separate policy for it, and it's available through your company, agent or the National Flood Insurance Program at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). Act

now as flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.

- [FLASH Insurance Guide: If Disaster Strikes, Will You Be Covered?](#)
- Find available coverage at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

## Thursday

If you plan to ride out the storm in your home, make sure it is in good repair and up to local hurricane building code specifications. Many of these retrofits do not cost much or take as long to do as you may think. Have the proper plywood, steel or aluminum panels to board up the windows and doors. Remember, the garage door is the most vulnerable part of the home, so it must be able to withstand the winds.

- [FEMA Mitigation](#)
- [FLASH: Prepare your home](#)
- [FLASH How-To Videos:](#)
- Protect Your Home From Flooding Video ([English](#)/[Spanish](#))

**May 10th**  
**Strengthen Your Home**  
There is a lot you can do around your home to help protect it from the strong winds that come with hurricanes. Well ahead of the approaching storm, trim trees on your property, shop for approved window coverings, collect loose outdoor items, secure all doors on your property, and find a safe location for your vehicle.

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## Friday

Many Americans rely on their neighbors after a disaster, but there are also many ways you can help your neighbors before a hurricane approaches. Learn about all the different actions you and your neighbors can take to prepare and recover from the hazards associated with hurricanes. Start the conversation now with these Neighbor Helping Neighbor strategies.

- [NHC Prepare](#)
- [FEMA PrepareAthon Guide](#)
- [NWS Hurricane Safety](#)

**May 11th**  
**Help Your Neighbor**  
Many people rely on the assistance of neighbors before and after hurricanes. Help your neighbors collect the supplies they'll need before the storm. Assist them with evacuation if ordered to do so or check on them after it's safe for you to head outside.

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## Saturday

The time to prepare for a hurricane is before the season begins, when you have the time and are not under pressure. If you wait until a hurricane is on your doorstep, the odds are that you will be under duress and will make the wrong decisions. Take the time now to write down your hurricane plan. Know where you will ride out the storm and get your supplies now. You don't want to be standing in long lines when a hurricane warning is issued. Those supplies that you need will probably be sold out by the time you reach the front of the line. Being prepared, before a hurricane threatens, makes you resilient to the hurricane impacts of wind and water. It will mean the difference between your being a hurricane victim and a hurricane survivor.

- [FEMA Make Plan](#)
- [FLASH Prepare Your Home](#)
- [NOAA WeatherReady Nation Hurricane Training Module](#)

**May 12th**  
**Complete a Written Plan**  
Writing down your plan will help you avoid mistakes when faced with an emergency and ensure everyone in your home is prepared for the next storm.

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<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hurricane/plan.shtml>