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Purpose

The National Guard (NG) Emergency Management (EM) program is responsible for all activities and operations related to preparing for, mitigating the potential effect of, preventing, responding to, and recovering from all multi-agency and/or multi-jurisdictional emergencies on or impacting NG installations nationwide. The NG EM Program functions within an all-hazards environment consisting of all natural, technological (man-made), and terroristic hazards.

Vision

To provide the NG EM services when and where they are needed with the joint and interagency capacity necessary to effectively and efficiently protect the NG community and mission capabilities from all hazards.

Mission

To provide integrated and comprehensive NG EM services necessary to protect our community and mission capabilities from all hazards in a cost effective, implementable, and sustainable manner through resiliency.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This month's bulletin will focus on Evacuation. Evacuations are more common than many people realize. Fires and floods cause evacuations most frequently across the U.S. and almost every year, people along coastlines evacuate as hurricanes approach.

In addition, hundreds of times a year, transportation and industrial accidents release harmful substances, forcing many people to leave their homes.

The amount of time you have to leave will depend on the hazard. If the event is a weather condition, such as a hurricane, you might have a day or two to get ready. However, many disasters allow no time for people to gather even the most basic necessities, which is why planning ahead is essential.

Be prepared: make a plan and prepare a disaster kit for yourself and your pet. I hope you find this information useful.

The best time to prepare is before the event happens. Always Remember, "Be Prepared".
Protect What Matters



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Evacuation

Plan to Evacuate

During certain types of emergency, such as chemical accidents or natural disasters, staying put may be dangerous. In such cases, it may be safer for you to leave the immediate area or evacuate to an emergency shelter. Many kinds of emergencies can cause you to have to evacuate. In some cases, you may have a day or two to prepare while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning is vital to making sure that you can evacuate quickly and safely no matter what the circumstances.

Before an Evacuation

- Learn the types of disasters that are likely in your community and the local emergency, evacuation and shelter plans for each specific disaster.
- [Plan](#) how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- Check with local officials about what shelter spaces are available for this year. Coronavirus may have altered your community's plans.
- If you evacuate to a community shelter, follow the latest guidelines from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) for protecting yourself and your family from possible coronavirus: people over 2-years-old should use a cloth facial covering while at these facilities.
 - Be prepared to take cleaning items with you like cloth face coverings, soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes or general household cleaning supplies to [disinfect surfaces](#).
 - Maintain at least 6 feet of space between you and people who aren't in your immediate family.
- Identify several places you could go in an emergency such as a friend's home in another town or a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so that you have options during an emergency.
- If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept [pets](#). Most public shelters allow only service animals.
- Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Always follow the instructions of local officials and remember that your evacuation route may be on foot depending on the type of disaster.



Hurricane Rita 2005



Hurricane Ike 2008



Before an Evacuation Continued

- Come up with a family/household plan to stay in touch in case you become separated; have a meeting place and update it depending on the circumstance.
- Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation. Prepare a “go-bag” you can carry when you evacuate on foot or public transportation and supplies for traveling longer distances if you have a car.
- If you have a car:
 - Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely. Keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.
 - Make sure you have a portable emergency kit in the car.
 - If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if needed. Decide with family, friends or your local emergency management office to see what resources may be available

How to know if you need to evacuate

Local emergency officials, such as the police or emergency management will make public announcements on the radio or television if there is a need to evacuate.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) replaced the color-coded alerts of the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) with the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS), designed to more effectively communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the American public. DHS will announce the advisories publicly. All advisories will be simultaneously posted at DHS.gov, and released to the media for distribution. DHS will also distribute advisories across its social media channels, including Twitter and Facebook.

**Understand Your
EVACUATION LANGUAGE**

-  **Immediate Evacuation Order**
Immediate movement out of the affected area due to an imminent threat to life
-  **Evacuation Warning**
Potential threat to life and property. Consider evacuating those who need additional time.
-  **Shelter-in-Place**
Stay in place. Evacuating will cause a higher possibility for loss of life
-  **Rescue**
Area restricted to rescue workers who will recover and remove injured or trapped citizens.



During an Evacuation

- Download the [FEMA app](#) for a list of open shelters during an active disaster in your local area.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.
- Take your [emergency supply kit](#).
- Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- Take your pets with you but understand that only service animals may be allowed in public shelters. [Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency now.](#)
- If time allows:
 - Call or email the out-of-state contact in your [family communications plan](#). Tell them where you are going.
 - Secure your home by closing and locking doors and windows.
 - Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions and small appliances. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding. If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving.
 - Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
 - Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that provides some protection such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts and a hat.
 - Check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts, they may be blocked.
- Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.



Hotel/motel



If you are planning to stay in a hotel or other lodging, choose wisely and remember to leave early enough so that you can travel safely. Check the evacuation zone of the hotel. Make reservations early and call ahead to confirm your stay.

Stay with Family or Friends



The best option for evacuation is staying with family or friends locally who are not in an evacuation zone.



After an Evacuation

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- If you evacuated for the storm, check with local officials both where you're staying and back home before you travel.
- If you are returning to disaster-affected areas, after significant events prepare for disruptions to daily activities and remember that returning home before storm debris is cleared is dangerous.
- Let friends and family know before you leave and when you arrive.
- Charge devices and consider getting back-up batteries in case power-outages continue.
- Fill up your gas tank and consider downloading a fuel app to check for outages along your route.
- Bring supplies such as water and non-perishable food for the car ride.
- Avoid downed power or utility lines, they may be live with deadly voltage. Stay away and report them immediately to your power or utility company.
- Only use generators outside and away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage or connect it to your home's electrical system.

How kids can help

Make plans with the whole Family



Involve children in emergency planning.

Let them help build the Emergency Preparedness Kit. Use matter-of-fact language to discuss steps you will take.

Play "let's pretend" games with young children to help them work out "what if" situations.

What you might need



If you are evacuating or even if you're riding out the storm at home, don't forget the everyday items your children will need. Think through a typical day at home and plan as if there will be no power. A few suggestions:

- * Face masks
- * Powdered milk
- * Stuffed Animal or favorite toy
- * Favorite non-perishable snacks
- * Toys
- * Plenty of batteries
- *Diapers and wipes
- *Blanket and pacifier
- *Games



Hurricane season is here. Are you ready?

PACK YOUR HURRICANE SURVIVAL KIT NOW.

Two-thirds of hurricanes that have hit land struck the Gulf Coast. It's not a matter of if you're going to need it, but when.

MDOT recommends you include these items in your survival kit. Get it all together now and keep it all together in one safe place.

HURRICANE EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

WATER



- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day for 14 days)
- Water for cooking and hygiene (one gallon per person per day)
- Water for pets

FOOD



- Non-perishable packaged or canned food to last 14 days
- Read-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed juice
- Canned or boxed milk
- Powdered coffee or tea
- Bread, crackers and cookies
- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Granola bars
- Trail mix
- Special food for babies and the elderly

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



- Cooler for ice and food storage
- Flashlights with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Car charger for cell phones
- Battery operated digital TV with car charger adapter
- Grill with extra propane, charcoal or Sterno
- Waterproof matches
- Paper plates, bowls and cups
- Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper
- Water purification tablets
- Outdoor extension cords
- Plastic eating utensils
- Extra cash
- Blankets
- Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Work gloves
- Duct Tape
- Multi-tool
- Waterproof tarps
- Plastic sheeting
- Rope
- Basic tool kit
- Moist towelettes

HEALTH ESSENTIALS



- Two week supply of prescription drugs
- Two week supply of vitamins
- Over the counter pain reliever
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Plastic garbage bags
- Antibacterial hand soap

FOR YOUR PETS



- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Medications
- Documentation and license
- Crate or pet carrier



AUGUST EVENTS

1 August	National Girlfriends Day	Nationwide
1 August	Respect for Parents Day	Nationwide
2 August	National Friendship Day	Nationwide
2 August	National Sisters Day	Nationwide
3 August	National Watermelon Day	Nationwide
7 August	Purple Heart Day	Nationwide
14 August	National V-J Day	Nationwide
16 August	National Airborne Day	Nationwide
16 August	National Rum Day	Nationwide
10 August	Ice Cream Safari Day	Nationwide
19 August	National Aviation Day	Nationwide
22 August	National Tooth Fairy Day	Nationwide
30 August	National Beach Day	Nationwide

PASSWORDS ARE LIKE TOOTHBRUSHES.

*DON'T SHARE THEM
- even with friends.*



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