The 12 Days of Hurricane Preparedness: A simple plan to be ready for hurricanes… or other emergencies

American Red Cross

Recent forecasts from the National Weather Service and other Hurricane watchers predict an active Hurricane Season for the U.S. Connecticut has been severely affected many times by Hurricanes. Individuals, businesses and communities can take some basic steps to be better informed about and prepared for Hurricanes.

Early attention to risks and planning can avoid great inconvenience or even tragedy later. The twelve steps shown here will help to prepare you for Hurricanes and other emergencies throughout the year.

Free preparedness and planning information is available from the Red Cross. Call us at 1-877-CT Red Cross (1-877-287-3327) or visit **www.ctredcross.org**. Many supplies are available at our Red Cross Store, which is accessible online, by phone or at the Chapter, at 209 Farmington Avenue in Farmington.

On the First Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **WATER CONTAINER**. Having an ample supply of clean water is a priority in an emergency.

More Info: http://www.ctredcross.org/pdf/Your_Family_Disaster_Supplies_Kit.pdf

On the Second Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **NOAA WEATHER RADIO** that provides continuous broadcasts of weather information from the National Weather Service. During severe weather, special watch and warning messages are issued. Battery and crank-powered radios are available from our Red Cross Store.

On the Third Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**. Install A-B-C type Fire Extinguishers in your home and teach all household members how to use them.

More Info: www.ctredcross.org/FireSafety

On the Fourth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase **PLASTIC SHEETING**. Plastic sheeting is a vital part of a Family Disaster Supplies Kit. Disaster Supplies Kits may be made at home or purchased from our Red Cross Store.

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On the Fifth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a supply of **CANNED FOOD**. Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.

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On the Sixth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you consider purchasing a **GENERATOR**. A generator can be a convenient source of power after a hurricane strikes, especially if you have electrically powered medical equipment or a well with an electric pump. Generators should be properly installed and used safely.

More Info: www.ctredcross.org/PowerOutages

On the Seventh Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FLASHLIGHT**. As simple as a Flashlight is, it can become a very important tool during and after disaster strikes. Every Family Disaster Supplies Kit should contain a Flashlight and spare batteries. Make your own kit or buy one at our Red Cross Store.

More Info: http://www.ctredcross.org/pdf/Your_Family_Disaster_Supplies_Kit.pdf

On the Eighth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FAMILY DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT**. A family will cope best by preparing for a disaster before it strikes. One way to prepare is by assembling a Family Disaster Supplies Kit. Once disaster hits, you won't have time to shop and search for supplies. Shop for a kit at our Red Cross Store.

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On the Ninth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **SLEEPING BAG**. If you have to evacuate your home, a sleeping bag will provide you with extra comfort when you arrive at an American Red Cross shelter.

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On the Tenth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase a **FIRST AID KIT**. Because the first five minutes of a medical emergency are critical every individual and family should have a First Aid Kit in their home and vehicle and on their boat. Check out the kits available from our Red Cross Store.

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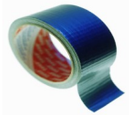
On the Eleventh Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase needed supplies to **PROTECT WINDOWS AND DOORS** against wind damage. Installing hurricane shutters on all windows of a home will help to mitigate the damage due to a storm's severe winds.

On the Twelfth Day of Hurricane Preparedness

The American Red Cross recommends that you purchase **DUCT TAPE**. Duct tape is one of the many items that should be in a Family Disaster Supplies Kit. Check out the kits available from our Red Cross Store.



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