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# Purpose

The purpose of our hurricane preparedness toolkit is to provide families and households affected by hurricanes with comprehensive and accessible information, tools, and resources that empower them to navigate the challenges and uncertainties brought on by such events. Our toolkit aims to be a trusted companion, offering practical guidance on emergency preparedness, immediate response strategies, and step-by-step recovery processes. We are dedicated to equipping families with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions, access vital services, and effectively coordinate efforts with local authorities and community organizations. By consolidating a wide range of disaster-related information in one place, our purpose is to alleviate stress, promote resilience, and help affected families regain a sense of control and stability amidst challenging circumstances.



# **When Disaster Strikes!**

**A Hurricane Preparedness Toolkit**



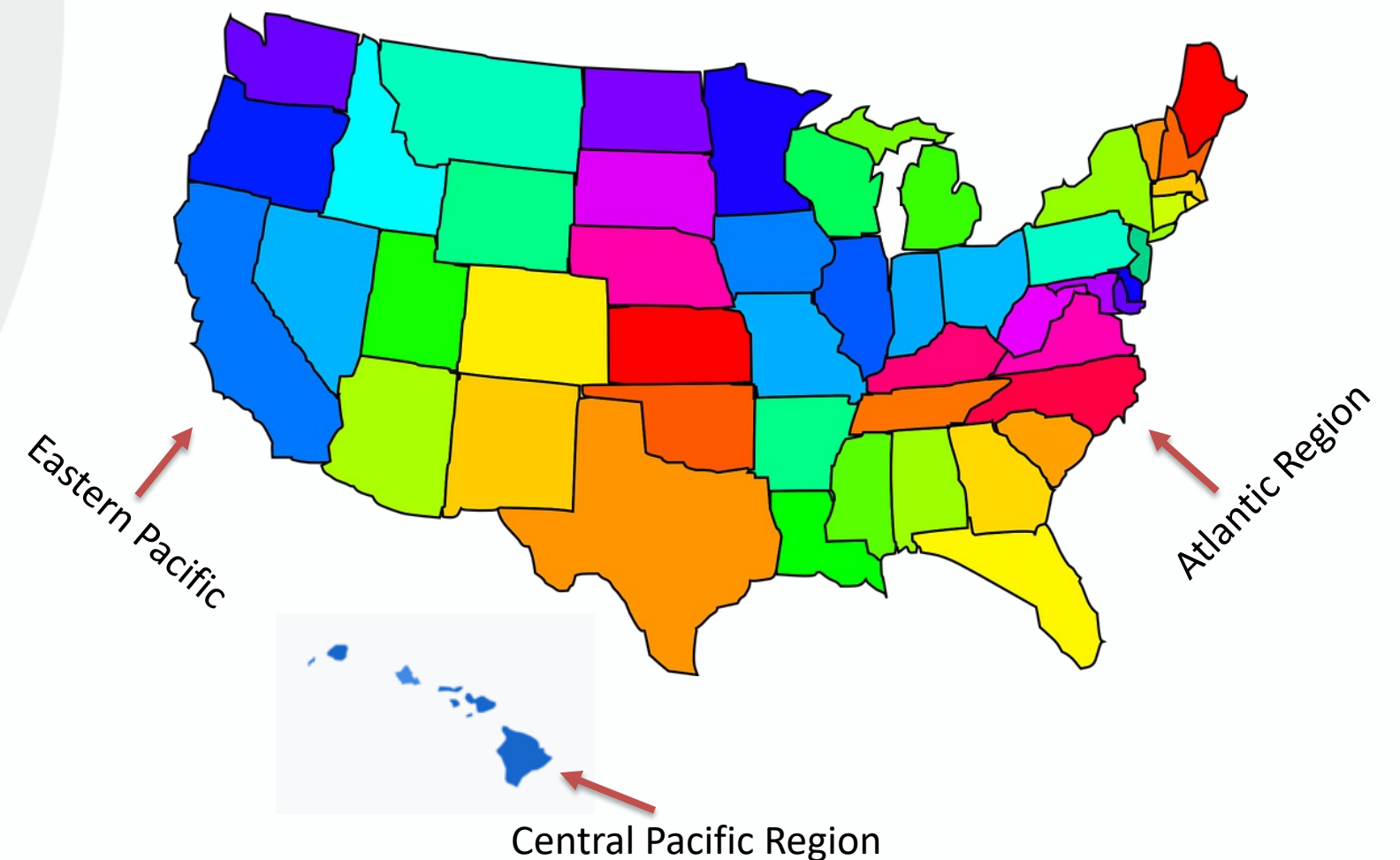
# BEFORE:

Vitals steps to take prior to a hurricane.

# Hurricane Season

- Eastern Pacific:
- Central Pacific:
- Atlantic:

May 15<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>  
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For more information on Hurricanes please check out: [FEMA's Hurricane Information Sheet \(PDF\)](#)

# Stay Alert

- When preparing for hurricane season staying alert is necessary.
- Alert Websites:
  - [National Hurricane Center](#)
  - [National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration](#)
  - [Storm Prediction Center](#)

**Storm Prediction Center**  
NOAA / National Weather Service

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**An Enhanced Risk of Severe Thunderstorms is Forecast Today and/or Tonight**

Intense severe thunderstorms are expected this afternoon and evening over parts of the central and southern Plains, where severe gusts, very large hail, and a few tornadoes are possible.  
» For additional details, see the latest [Day 1 Convective Outlook](#).

Overview Conv. Outlook Watches MDs Storm Reports Mesoanalysis Fire Hazards

SPC Storm Reports for 06/21/23  
Map updated at 1910Z on 06/21/23

**TORNADO REPORTS: (0)**  
**WIND REPORTS: (4)**  
**HAIL REPORTS: (0)**  
**TOTAL REPORTS: (4)**

• High Wind Report (65KT +)  
• Large Hail Report (2" dia. +)

PRELIMINARY DATA ONLY

Hazard	Wed (06/21)	Thu (06/22)	Fri (06/23)	Sat (06/24)	Sun (06/25)	Mon (06/26)	Tue (06/27)	Wed (06/28)
Severe	Enhanced	Slight	Slight	Severe	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area
Fire	Elevated	Elevated	Critical	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area

All Products Watches MDs Outlooks Fire

Mesoscale Discussion 1189  
- Concerning: SEVERE POTENTIAL...WATCH LIKELY  
- Issued: 25 minutes ago

TORNADO 0350  
- Valid until: 06/22/2023 0200Z  
- States affected: CO NE WY  
- Issued: 42 minutes ago

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM 0349  
- Valid until: 06/22/2023 0200Z  
- States affected: CO  
- Issued: 47 minutes ago

Mesoscale Discussion 1188  
- Concerning: SEVERE POTENTIAL...WATCH LIKELY  
- Issued: 06/21/2023 at 1751Z

Day 2 Convective Outlook  
- Categorical Risk: Slight  
- Issued: 06/21/2023 at 1730Z

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Top News of the Day... [View past news](#) Last update Fri, 16 Jun 2023 15:45:33 UTC

- NHC Blog: An Evaluation of NHC Service Enhancements, Part 1: Potential Tropical Cyclone Advisories
- NOAA predicts a near-normal 2023 Atlantic hurricane season
- Mike Brennan selected as director of NOAA's National Hurricane Center
- National Hurricane Preparedness Week April 30 - May 6 2023

Central Pacific Eastern Pacific Atlantic

Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances

7:46 am EDT  
Fri Jun 16 2023

100W 90W 80W 70W 60W 50W 40W 30W 20W

45N 35N 25N 15N 5N

Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

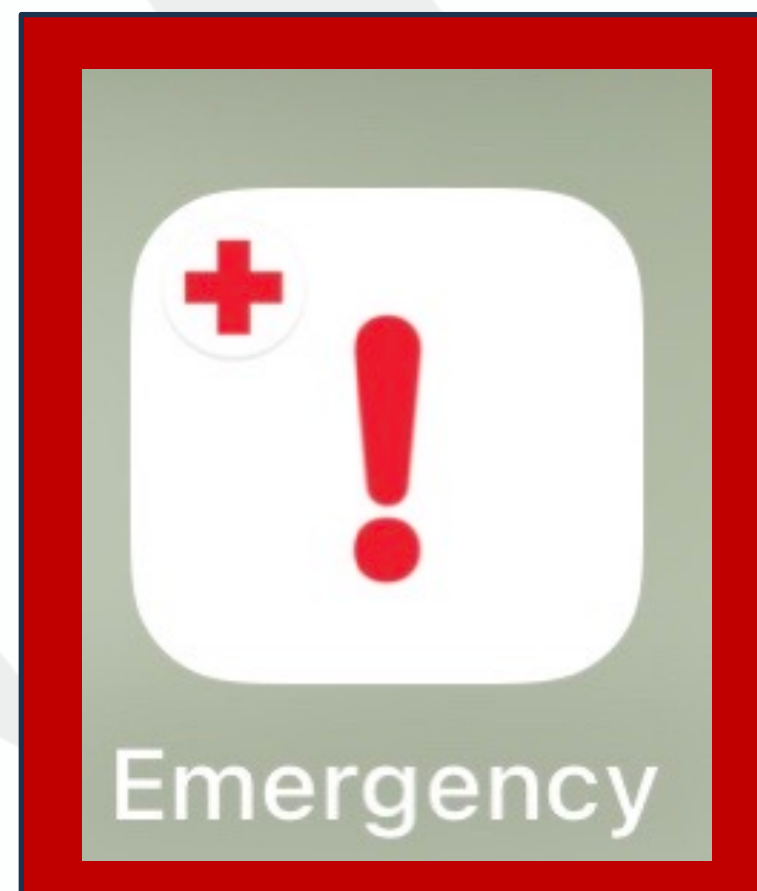
Active Storms | Marine Forecasts

2-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook | 7-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

# Download Apps

- Help you stay up to date on all Local Alerts
- Free emergency apps: English/Spanish version & accessible for those with disabilities
- Customizable weather alerts to area
- Guided steps to help individuals, families & communities be prepared
- Provide easy access to shelter information

The American Red Cross



FEMA



# Learn Your Risks

- What hazards are specific to your area?
  - Ex: Flood zone
    - [FEMA's Flood Smart Widget](#)
- Consider the demographics of your household
  - Age, medical issues, disabilities, animals
- Consider learning first aid or joining a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- What hazards are within you home?
  - Old or leaking roof
  - Faulty wiring or old pipes
- What disaster equipment does your household need?
  - Ex: Hurricane shutters, designated tornado safe room in home, emergency go bag, etc.
- Drive and learn your city's emergency evacuation route



**HAZARD:** a source of danger; the effect of unpredictable and unanalyzable forces in determining events



# Beware of Hazards

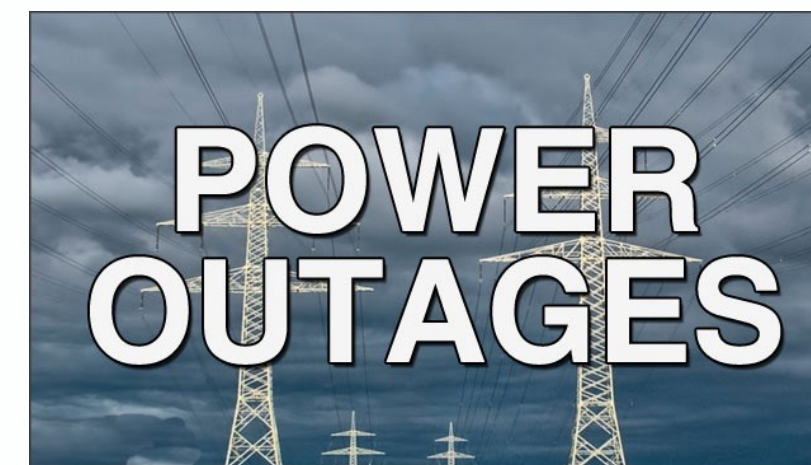
- Here is a list of potential hazards that could occur during and after a hurricane



[Storm Surge Kills](#)



Down Powerlines



House Fires



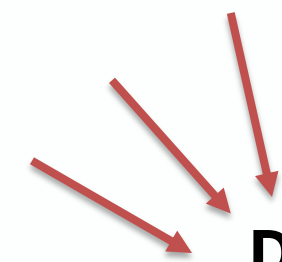
No Water



[Don't Drive](#)



# Create Plans

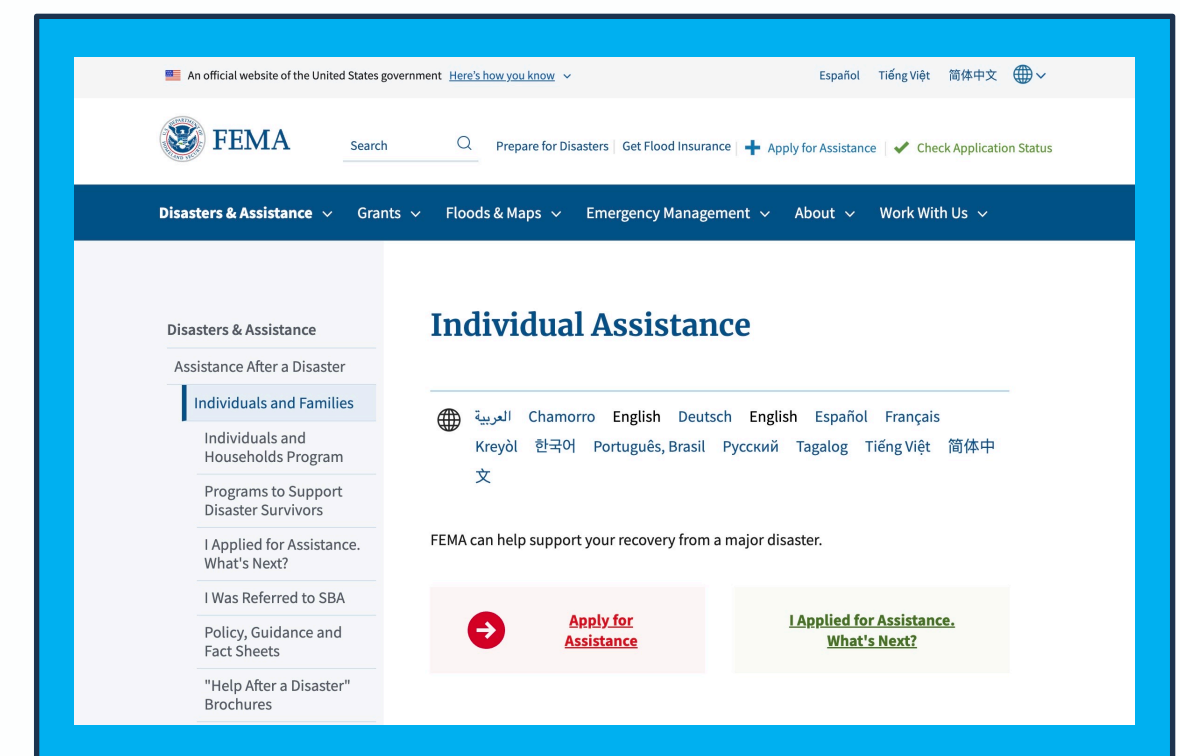
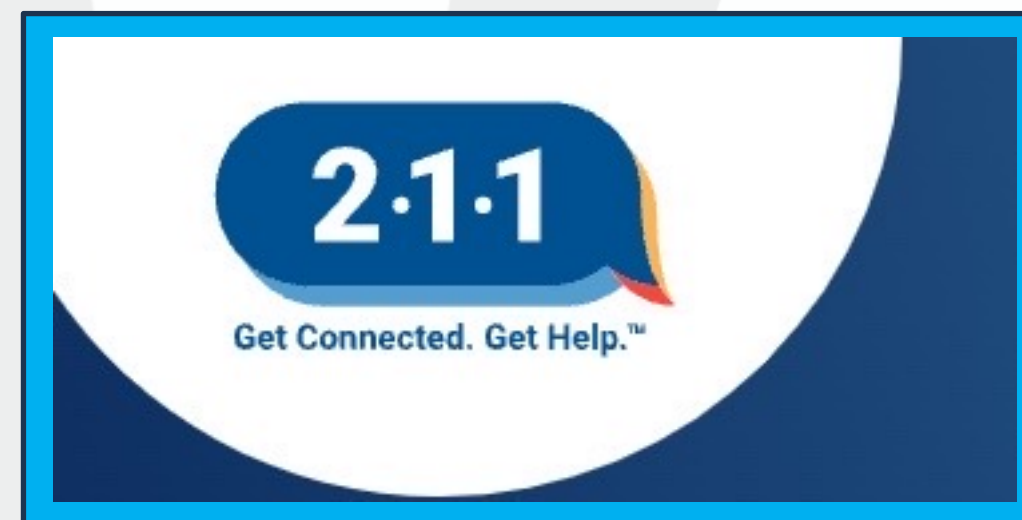
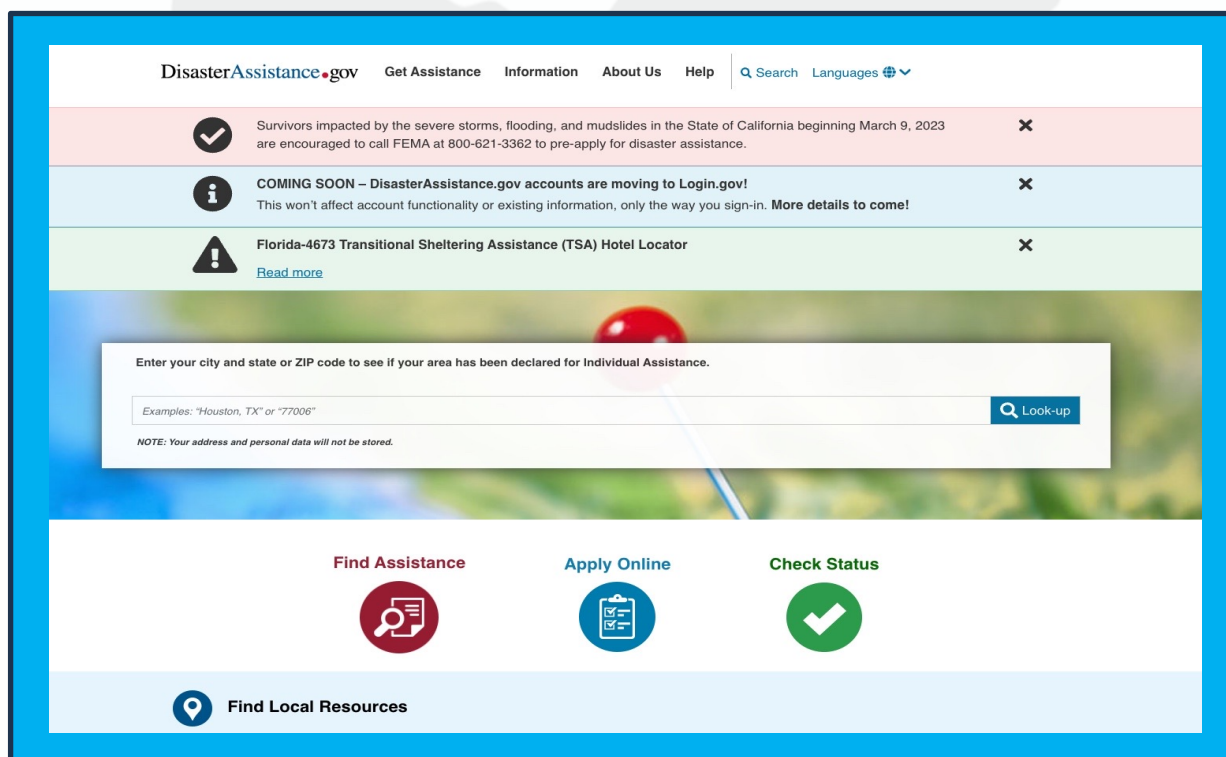
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- Don't have a plan & need help visit:**
- [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)
  - [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)



# Insurance & Assistance

- Prior to a hurricane it is important to educate yourself on your insurance policy
- Determine if you need specific insurance coverage
  - EX: flood insurance, contents insurance
- Learn how to file a claim and when to file

- Learn what local organizations offer disaster financial assistance in your area
- Become familiar with federal assistance web sites
- [FEMA Assistance](#)
  - [Disaster Assistance](#)
  - [The Salvation Army](#)
  - [United Way](#)
  - [2-1-1](#)



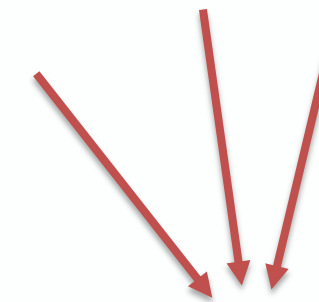


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**Start Preparing Now!**

# How to Prepare

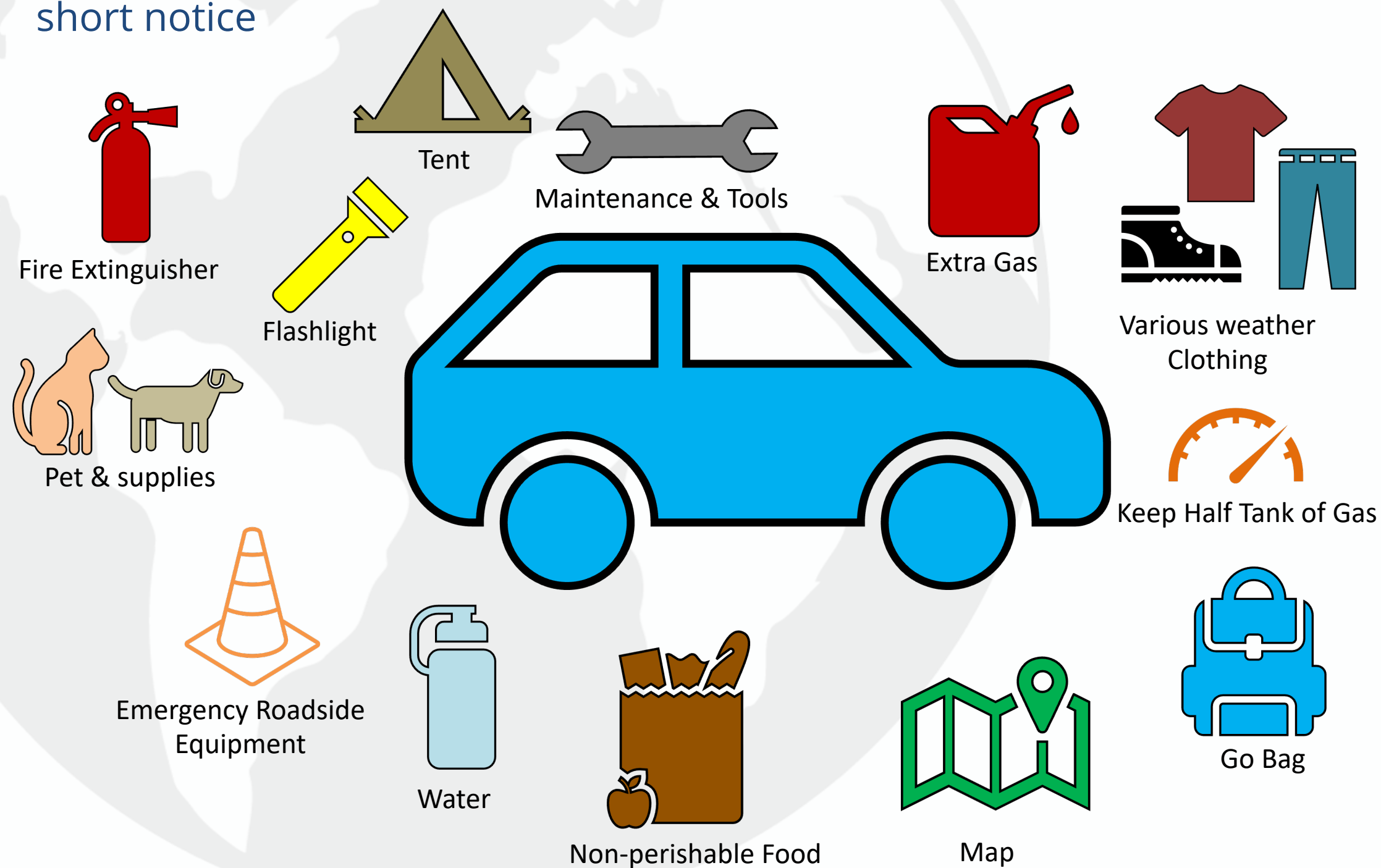
- Take alerts & warnings seriously!
- Create emergency plans!
  - <http://www.ready.gov/plan>
  - Share them with your family
- Prepare an emergency Go Bag
- Buy emergency equipment
  - Generator, fire extinguisher, tarps, tent
- Create an emergency stockpile at home
  - Fill with non-perishable food, extra batteries, flashlight, water, etc.
- Designate an emergency Go Car
  - Never let gas tank in Go Car get below half a tank
- Secure your home
  - Purchase hurricane shutters, tie down furniture, cover windows
- Drive emergency routes
  - Map out different routes
- Learn and locate city's emergency shelters



**Want more help with Preparing check out:**  
[FEMA: 12 Ways to Prepare](#)

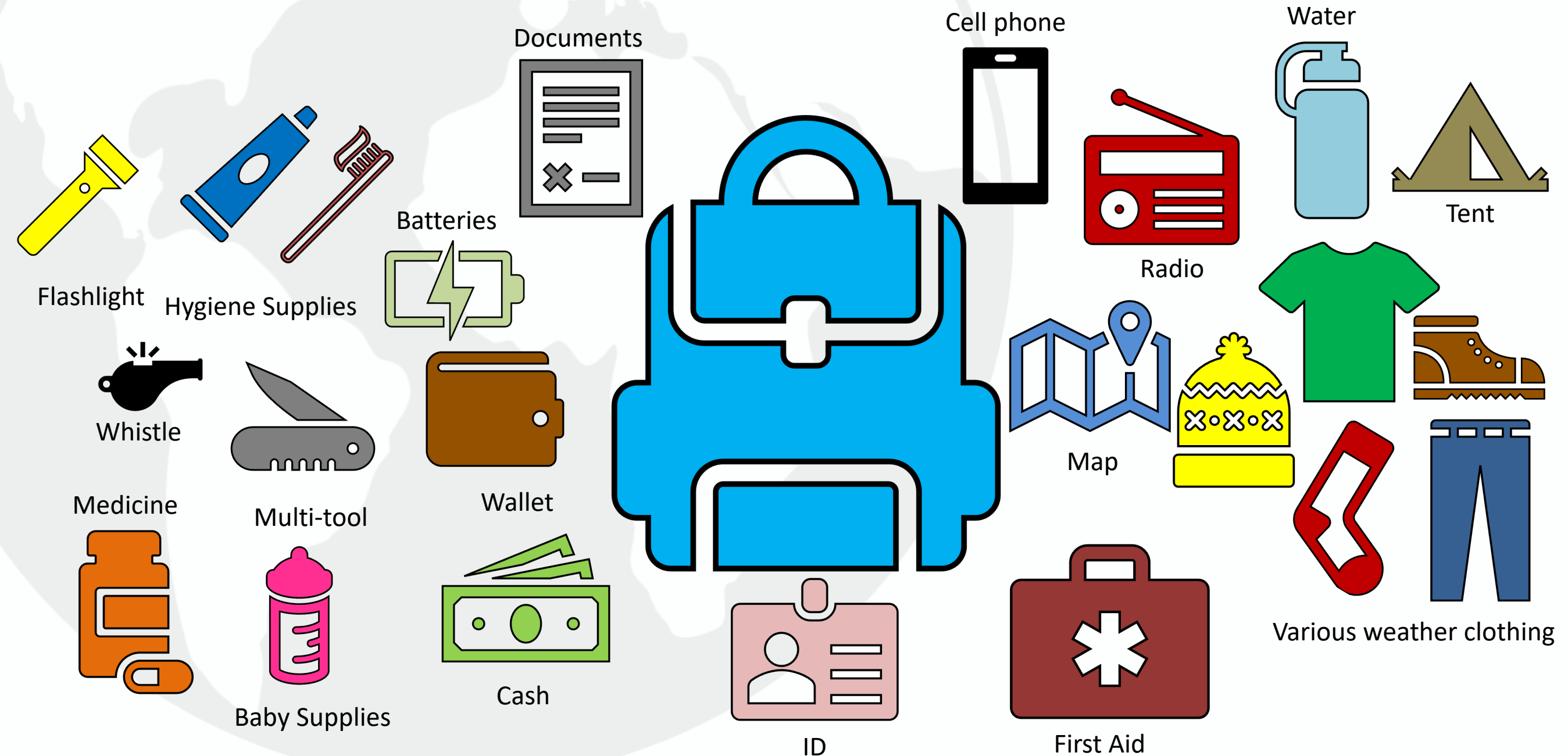
# Go Car Checklist

- Having an Emergency Go Car is vital when evacuating
- Supplying your car with these necessary items is essential when having to evacuate in short notice



# Go Bag Checklist

- Emergency Go Bag - used when an emergency occurs, and filled with necessary items to help you survive for 42-96 hours
- Always include important identifying documents (birth certificates, SSN, passport, home deed, rental agreement, etc.)







# DURING:

How to stay safe during a hurricane.

# Get to Safety

1. Listen to Alerts & Updates on apps and local news
2. Evacuate if you can; preferably days before hurricane if possible
  1. If unable to evacuate, please do not attempt to drive or walk through storm or in flood waters
  2. You don't have to evacuate to another state, just inland away from the coast or out of the direct path of hurricane
3. Move away from windows
4. Grab emergency Go Bag & supplies
5. Seek higher ground if flooding occurs
6. Turn off water/electricity





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# AFTER

What immediate things to do after a hurricane.

# Is Everyone Safe?

- Follow your communication plan
- Determine if you and your household are safe before determining the safety of others
  - **If injured, determine if injuries are life-threatening - call 911**
  - PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT 911 LINES WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY
- Only check on neighbors and other family members when city/county government determine area is safe
- Use social media "I'm safe" feature to let people know of safety status



# When to Seek Shelter?

- Live in an apartment or mobile home with no safe rooms
- If shelter is far away and in a remote area
- Significant damage to home
- Flooding caused from storm surge or home utilities
- No access to food or water
- Quality of home compromises a family member's physical health

- **IN NEED OF SHELTER**

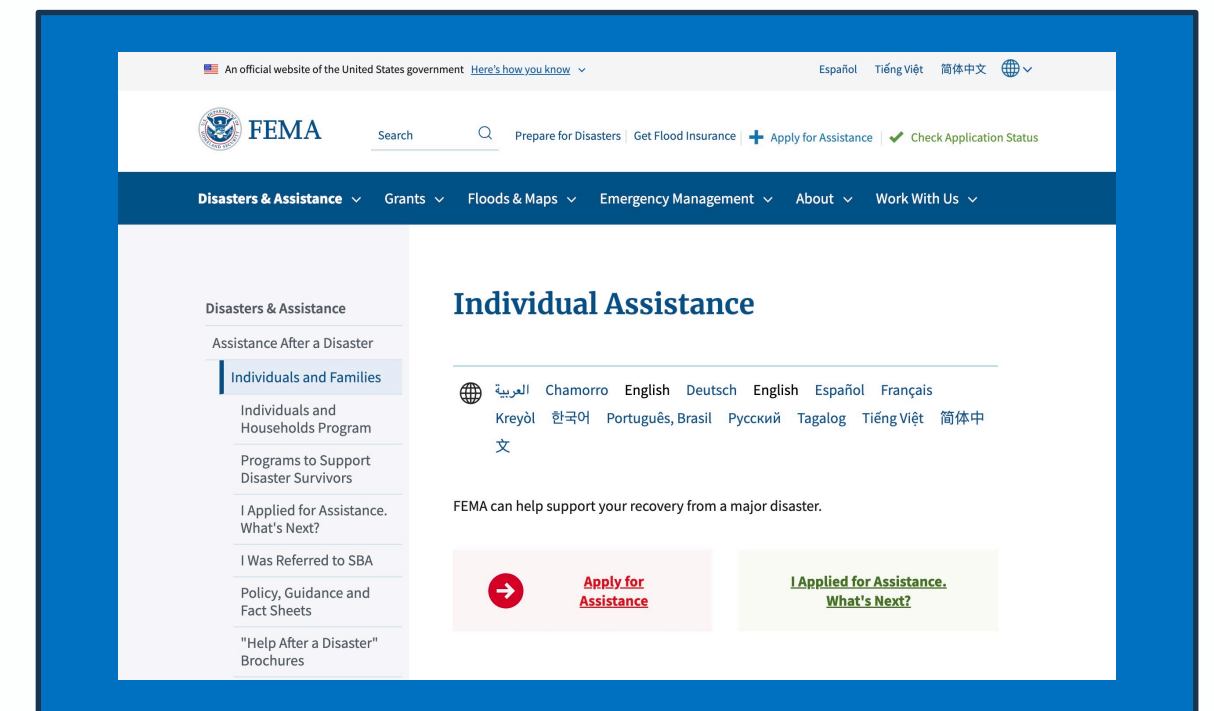
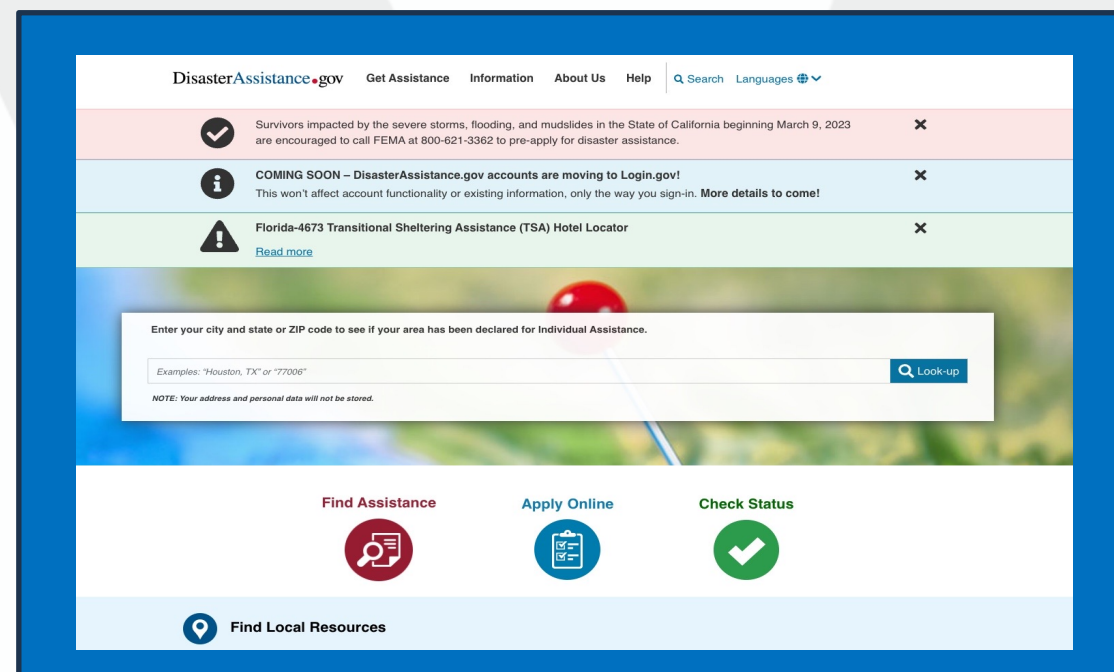
- Text **44362**
  - **Prepare**
  - **Shelter**
  - **List**
- Call
  - **2-1-1**



# File for Assistance

- Before any demolition is completed on home
  1. File insurance Claim
    1. Flood
    2. Home
    3. Car
  2. Apply for government or local assistance
    1. FEMA
    2. Disaster Assistance
  3. Take necessary Photos
  4. Wait for insurance to give go ahead to start demolition through volunteers

- Federal assistance web sites
  - [FEMA Assistance](#)
  - [Disaster Assistance](#)
  - [The Salvation Army](#)
  - [United Way](#)
  - [2-1-1](#)
- Search local new channels and Facebook groups



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