

THINGS NO ONE TELLS YOU BEFORE A HURRICANE

Preparing for Hurricane Isaias | Pastors, Leaders & Church Families

BEFORE THE STORM

Cash: Have small bills. Cards and ATMs may fail.

Photos: Record home, church, vehicles and valuables. Back up online.

Documents: Waterproof IDs, proof of residence, insurance and prescriptions. Download copies; write down key contacts.

Fuel & power: Fill vehicles; charge phones, power banks and medical devices.

Supplies: Water, ready-to-eat food, medications, flashlights, bags, wipes and a manual can opener.

Laundry: Wash clothes, towels and dishes now. Use refrigerated perishables first.

Property: Bring loose items inside. Safely clear accessible drainage paths. Protect electronics and records.

Evacuation: Know your zone. Follow local orders. Plan transportation and a pet-friendly destination.

DURING THE STORM & OUTAGES

Water: At least 1 gallon per person daily for several days. Follow boil-water notices.

Food: Doors closed: fridge about 4 hours; full freezer 48; half-full 24. Never taste-test.

Generator: Outdoors, 20+ feet from doors, windows and vents. Never in a garage or wall outlet. Use CO alarms.

Alerts: Enable emergency alerts; have a battery weather radio. Tornado warning: lowest-floor interior room, away from windows.

Check-ins: Brief texts may work when calls fail.

Family: Explain the plan to children. Have comfort items, games and pet supplies.

CHURCH CARE & RECOVERY

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| ☐ Confirm plans with vulnerable members and anyone needing transportation. | ☐ When safe, photograph damage before cleanup. Call your insurer and keep receipts. |
| ☐ Prepare your household. Assign church updates and rotate volunteers. Stay rested and ready to respond. | ☐ Avoid floodwater, downed lines and unsafe buildings. Verify repair contractors. |
| ☐ Coordinate shelter plans with emergency management. | |

Follow local emergency management and National Hurricane Center updates.

Report church or pastoral household damage to our network: www.westflorida.ag

Prepare well. Care for people. Stay connected.

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