



## GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**Main Message: Smart planning for evacuations means making your plans NOW before storm season begins June 1.**

### **Key Talking Points:**

- When a hurricane threatens your area, evacuating is the smartest move. When local officials call for an evacuation, get out without delay.
- Make your evacuation plan now. Discuss your evacuation plans with your family, friends and relatives BEFORE hurricane season begins. Review it and remind others of the plan as the storm moves in.
- Start putting an emergency supply kit together now. If you have an emergency supply kit already, double check it and make sure water and other supplies are fresh. Keep a NOAA weather radio and batteries.
- Make a checklist of what you need to do before you leave and review it.
- Make sure you and your family members have the name and phone number of a friend or relative outside your city or state -- so anyone who becomes separated from the group can telephone to let others know their situation.
- If you plan to stay in a hotel or motel, make reservations and confirm your reservations before you leave.
- Learn evacuation routes from your area before storm season. If possible, drive the route to get familiar with it before hurricane season. Some traffic congestion is inevitable. Expect delays and longer drive-times than normal situations would allow.
- Learn the places to stay between your home and your destination – in case you have to stop before you reach your goal.

- Contact your local county emergency management office to get information about anyone in your household who may need special assistance during an evacuation. You may also consider whether to register information about your family's special needs information with the emergency management office.
- Make plans for what you are going to do with pets and livestock.