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Outsmart the Darkness: Your Weekly Safety Spotlight"

Home Emergency Preparedness

Coastal Georgia Households face seasonal hurricanes threats, flooding, and severe storms. Preparedness at home ensures that your family can stay safe, communicate and recover quickly. Here are some simple tips to stay prepared, enhance family safety and recover quickly.

Have a Plan

Evacuate vs Shelter

- Follow orders promptly when ordered to evacuate.
- Identify and prepare safe shelter locations and practice moving to them quickly during drills
- Have pre-planned conditions that will necessitate evacuation vs shelter scenarios
- Know primary and alternate evacuation routes

Hardening your Home

- Storm proof your home by securing loose items, boarding and taping windows and glass
- Prepare for utility service disruption by having batteries, fuel, water and non-perishable food
- Elevate valuables in areas prone to flooding
- Know how to manually shut off utilities such as water, power and gas

Understand Your Environment and Hazards

Know the Emergency Situations that Typically Impact Your Area

- Common emergencies for Coastal Georgia are hurricanes, thunderstorms and flooding. Prepare extensively for these situations
- When storms blow through Coastal Georgia, utility services are typically impacted for several days so planning for prolonged loss of power is critical

Communication

- Communications infrastructure is impacted even when power is not lost. Having a pre-set plan in place for meeting locations/times, loss of contact drills, evacuation location and route will assist when communications with family members is lost
- Subscribe to NOAA Alerts and have a battery operated radio in order to stay informed
- Teach all family members to utilize text messaging for communications. A message will send even at times when a call will not be placed.

Emergency Response Kit & Supplies

Kit Location

- Store kit in shelter location, ensure easy access even if structure is damaged
- Maintain a kit in vehicle in case of sudden need to evacuation
- Multiple kits tailored to location and need may necessitate multiples of the same supply in different locations

Kit Basics

- Plan for 1 gallon of water per day per person for consumption, more so for hygiene
- Nonperishable foods and manual can opener
- First aid, batteries, copies of important documents
- Medication, specialized supplies (infant formula, diapers, chargers and power banks)
- Map, Flashlight, Contact Information
- Candles, lanterns, Cash, Blankets