

# What YOU need to know!

Disasters, both natural and man-made, can occur at any time with little or no warning. Prepare yourself and your home now. Take the time to do these few simple steps from the list below.

## HIGH WIND AND RAIN EVENTS

- Store and secure potential wind-borne objects on your property
  - ⇒ Pick up around your yard and lanai – pick up loose outdoor belongings like lawn furniture, trash bins, garden tools, grills, sports equipment, bicycles, potted or hanging plants, or anything that could be picked up by the wind
  - ⇒ Store your belongings in a garage or inside your home
- Inspect your roof for loose or damaged shingles or tiles and repair them
- Inspect and clean home's rain gutters and nearby storm drains
- Reinforce windows, doors, including garage doors
  - ⇒ Cover and protect all glass windows and doors with plywood or other protective coverings and install weather stripping
- Install connections (hurricane clips) that tie the roof to the walls and the walls to the foundation (continual load path connection)
- Trim shrubs and hedges to create an open space around your property
- Inspect and remove dangerous trees and branches on your home
- Elevate water sensitive items to higher shelves (e.g. electronics, documents, etc.)
- Backup and protect computer files to an external drive or secure cloud
- Prepare a Safe Place in your home or building
  - ⇒ Identify an interior space to shelter in with minimal windows such as a bathroom, bedroom closet, emergency stairwell, etc.
  - ⇒ Store your emergency supply kit (e.g. flashlight, first aid kit, AM/FM radio, food, water, etc.) in your Safe Place

## TAKE INVENTORY

- Take a look at your homeowners/renters insurance policy for structural dwelling, content, and property coverage limits; adjust as appropriate
- Maintain a thorough, up-to-date home inventory (e.g. home and content)
- Document high-value items (e.g. furniture, electronics, appliances, jewelry, art work, collectibles, etc.)
- Take pictures or videos of your home and property, inside and out; save multiple copies; store in your Safe Place

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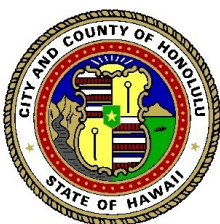
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# Lower Your Risks

# Plan and Prepare Now for the Next Disaster

**Learn** – Educate yourself on disasters that can affect you and your Family.

**Plan** – Create and exercise a Family Disaster Plan. Locate a secondary meeting place and designate an off island contact.

**Individual, Family and Business Disaster Planning** – Disaster planning is everyone's business. Carefully review this information and take the time today to discuss preparedness planning with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

## **Develop a 14-Day Disaster Supplies Kit**

Your disaster supplies kit should contain enough of the following items to last for 14-days minimum:

- **Water** - One gallon of water per person per day for 14 days for drinking and sanitation
- **Food** - Non-perishable food that does not require cooking. Survival foods such as Peanut Butter, Protein Shakes, Dried Fruits, Nuts
- **Eating Utensils** – Plates, mess kits, forks and chop sticks. Don't forget a non-electric can opener for canned foods
- **Radio** - Battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA Weather alert
- **Light** - Flashlight and or a portable fluorescent light
- **Spare batteries** - Check annually
- **First Aid** – Get a good kit and consider enrolling in a certified first aid course
- **Whistle** – Important for signaling for help. A whistle carries much farther than the human voice and uses less energy than yelling
- **Dust Mask** – Helps to filter contaminated air
- **Sanitation** - Moist towelettes, heavy duty garbage bags, hand sanitizer gel, toilet paper, baking soda/kitty litter to absorb odors, gloves and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- **Tools** - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, duct tape
- **Maps** - Local area maps
- **Prescription** – Special medications, glasses and medical devices
- **Pets** - Pet food and extra water for your pet
- **Miscellaneous** - Infant Formula, diapers, incontinent supplies, feminine products

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