Hurricane Preparation Quiz

Having the Right Answers Now Can Minimize Consequences of a Hurricane Disaster

If you answer “No” or “I don’t Know” to any of the following questions, then you need to take extra time and action to prepare to protect your family and home in the event of a hurricane:

1. Do you have a disaster survival plan?
2. Have you planned an evacuation route and destination?
3. Do you have an emergency communication plan for staying in touch or getting message to friends and family?
4. Is your homeowner’s and flood insurance coverage up to date and sufficient to replace your home and belongings if they were damaged or destroyed?
5. Do you know your insurance deductibles for both wind storm damage and all perils?
6. Do you have copies of your policies, inventory, other important papers and valuable in a safe (waterproof and fireproof) place?
7. Do you know how to turn off your utilities (electricity, gas, water)?
8. Do you have a plan and supplies on hand to protect and secure your home, outdoor items, boat, pool, etc?
9. Has your roof been inspected within the past 3 to 6 months?
10. Have you trimmed the trees and shrubs around the house?
11. Have you inspected your property for old boards, junk and debris that can be recycled or discarded now?
12. Do you have a plan of what to do with food in your refrigerator and freezer in the event of a possible power outage?
13. Is your emergency phone list up to date and handy?
14. Do you have emergency survival supplies such as batteries, radio, flashlights, lanterns, fuel, nonperishable food for three days, water jugs, manual can opener, medicines, traveler’s checks or cash, etc. on hand?
15. Do you have an emergency supply kit for your car?
16. Do you have a plan of how to take care of family members with special needs (those with disabilities, infants or the elderly) in the event of a disaster?

17. Have you decided what you will do with your animals if you must evacuate because of various types of hazards?

18. Have you budgeted for the added expenses to protect your home, buy supplies, evacuate, clean up and recover?

19. Have you installed a carbon monoxide alarms in your home especially by the bedrooms?

20. Has your car been maintained, and are the tires, including the spare in good condition?

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