Keep Your Family Safe This Hurricane Season

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), there’s a strong chance this year’s hurricane season (June 1 – Nov 30) will be stronger than usual.

**Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, with 14 to 18 named storms possible. Six to 11 of those could become hurricanes, including two to three Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricanes.**

**5 Tips to:**

1. **Do Your Research**
   - The best time to think about hurricane preparedness is before severe weather threatens. Schedule time to educate yourself about flood zones in or around your neighborhood, evacuation routes, and the alert systems your city or county uses for emergency notifications.

2. **Make A Plan**
   - Every family that lives in an area threatened by hurricanes should have a written preparedness plan — no exceptions! Run through different scenarios that may come up and decide how you’ll communicate if you are in different locations during an emergency. In the event of an evacuation, plan where you’ll go or decide on an emergency shelter location as a meet-up point. Visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan for printable templates so you can prepare and review your plan monthly during hurricane season.

3. **Build A Kit**
   - Assemble a hurricane preparedness kit that includes: enough water and non-perishable food and snacks for your family for one week, two or more flashlights, batteries, a portable radio, one or more charged cell phone power banks, medications, and first-aid supplies. Visit www.ready.gov/kit for a full list of essentials.

4. **Safeguard Your Home**
   - Once a hurricane warning is declared for your area, it’s too late to purchase or increase hurricane insurance coverages. Damage due to flooding isn’t automatically covered in your plan. Now is the time to protect your family by ensuring your coverage is sufficient to protect you once the storm has passed.

5. **Stash Some Cash**
   - In the event of a natural disaster, cash becomes a necessity. Power outages not only render ATMs useless, but also prevent stores from accepting credit cards. Set aside enough cash for at least a week to ensure your family has access to all needed supplies.

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