

# PREPARING FOR EXTREME WEATHER



Living in Central Texas and the Houston area/Gulf Coast areas means preparing for a variety of extreme weather events, including hurricanes, flooding, severe storms, heatwaves, and occasional cold snaps. Being ready for whatever nature brings starts with smart planning, proactive steps, and staying informed. Here are the key things every household should prioritize:

## START WITH STRONG INSURANCE

Make sure your coverage is up to date—especially for events like floods or storms that may not be included in standard policies.

## STAY INFORMED

Use trusted sources like Weather Underground or NOAA Weather Radio to monitor changing conditions, and sign up for local emergency alerts through platforms like [WarnCentralTexas.org](https://www.warncentraltexas.org).

## MAKE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Know how you'll communicate, where you'll meet, and what steps you'll take in different scenarios. Don't forget your pets! Practice your plan so everyone is ready.

## BUILD/REFRESH AN EMERGENCY KIT

Stock it with food, water, medical supplies, batteries, flashlights, important documents, and anything else your family (and pets) may need for at least 3–7 days.

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

From boarding up windows during hurricane season to insulating pipes before a freeze, seasonal prep goes a long way in protecting your home and your peace of mind.

## STAY COOL DURING HEATWAVES

Avoid outdoor activities during peak heat, drink plenty of water, use fans or window units to stay cool, and always check in on vulnerable neighbors.

## SEEK SHELTER IN SEVERE WEATHER

During strong storms or tornado warnings, move to an interior room away from windows, on the lowest level of your home.

## KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ROUTES

Be familiar with your hurricane or flood evacuation zone. Keep your gas tank full and have a go-bag ready for quick departures.

## VEHICLE SAFETY MATTERS

Never drive through flooded roads—remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown. Keep an emergency kit in your car with essentials like jumper cables, a charger, and traction aids.

## LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

During extreme weather, check on neighbors—especially the elderly, children, and anyone with medical needs.

## OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

Adequate  
Insurance



Disaster  
Supply Kit



Hurricane  
Preparation



Hurricane  
Recovery



Winterizing  
Your Home



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