

Legal Record Keeping: Hurricane Preparation

It's hard to know what to bring during an evacuation, and even harder to make the decision when time is limited. Please use this checklist to gather essential documents as you prepare for Hurricane Season!

Personal:

- Driver's license, state ID, student ID, etc.
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- Green Card
- Naturalization Papers

Medical:

- Insurance Card
- Insurance Policy
- List of names, addresses, and phone numbers for all your doctors
- List of medications, with dosage and prescribing physician
- List of allergies to medications
- Immunization Records
- Records of any disability and necessary special equipment or devices

Financial:

- Bank account information – routing and account numbers
- Recent pay stubs or employment contract for proof of income
- Acceptance or renewal of government benefits (disability, food stamps, SNAP, etc.)
- Documentation of investments or retirement / pension accounts

Home:

- Proof of ownership (Act of Sale, Succession paperwork, quitclaim deed)
- Lease
- Mortgage agreement or bills
- Property taxes
- Insurance, homeowner's, renters, and flood

Vehicle:

- Title, registration, lease on vehicle
- Photo of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Car note
- Insurance card
- Insurance policy

Estate Planning:

- The original copy of Last Will & Testament or Trust
- Power of Attorney
- Living Will
- Past Successions paperwork
- Death certificates

Children:

- Birth certificates
- Adoption papers
- Custody orders or agreements
- Child support orders or agreements

Pets:

- Ownership papers
- List of medications and prescribing veterinarian
- Veterinarian records – including shots
- ID tags

Miscellaneous:

- Marriage certificates
- Divorce papers
- Prenuptial agreements
- Contracts
- Military Discharge Papers
- Recent utility bills
- Alimony court orders
- Veteran's Affairs Benefits information