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Thanks a lot

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Danny,

Some bullet points are below. Also, the following publications links are extremely helpful:

- (1) <http://aging.sc.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Senior%20PREP/2015%20Senior%20P.R.E.P.%20Brochure.pdf>
- (2) http://www.scemd.org/files/Public%20Information/Publications/Hurricane_Guide/2017/Hurricane%20guide%20for%20website.pdf

The Facts

- You should have an accessible emergency kit and plan at home, at work, and in your car.
- You should be prepared to sustain yourself and your family for at least 72 hours.
- Identifying potential hazards ahead of time can reduce the dangers of serious injury or loss of life.
- In case of an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

Emergency Tips

- Talk to your insurance agent to make sure you have adequate disaster coverage.
- Talk to your support system and make decisions about what you will do during an emergency (such as a central meeting spot, communication plans, etc.).
- Review your emergency plans regularly.
- Discuss emergency plans with your family or neighbors who may be able to help you during emergencies.
- Make plans on where you will go if asked to evacuate.
- Consider what personal abilities and limitations may affect your response during an emergency.
- Check your emergency kit every six months for expired items.
- Keep support items in an easily accessible area.
- Post important numbers near your phone.
- Plan ahead for your pets and service animals.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they have power, and make sure your smoke alarms are not expired and not more than 10 years old.
- Keep vital records and important documents in a secure place.
- Keep a list of all medications, prescriptions, and dosages.
- Refill your prescriptions when they are eligible.
- Follow local media for updates and advice of emergency management personnel.
- Stay calm, stay informed, and know your area.

Plan for your Pets

- Remember that animals react differently under stress. It is important to make plans for them before an emergency.

- Keep immunization records.
- Have a cage / carrier and a “go” kit ready for each pet (such as food, water, medicines, etc.).
- Use an ID method for each animal.
- If you evacuate, plan to evacuate your pet, too.

Citizens with Disabilities or Functional Needs

- Plan with neighbors, family, and caregivers to assist with limitations.
- Have a plan or backup resource to power essential medical equipment.
- Check with any agency providing you services for special provisions in an emergency.
- Have clear, specific, and concise instructions for rescue personnel regarding special needs or equipment.
- Include necessary assistive technology and medical supplies (such as an oxygen tank) in your emergency kit.
- Have manual backups for electric assistive technology.
- Map out accessible emergency exits at work and/or home.
- Consider getting a medical alert system that can be used to call for help.
- Make plans for transportation, if required.

Emergency Basic Needs and Supplies Checklist

- Flashlight with batteries
- Medications (7 day supply)
- Legal documents (such as insurance paperwork, will, etc.)
- Personal hygiene and sanitation items
- Extra eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Family and emergency contact information
- Water
- Non-perishable foods and manual can opener
- Fire extinguisher
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Multipurpose tool to secure home
- Whistle to signal for help
- First aid kit, mask, and manual
- Map(s) of local area
- Cash and coins
- Change(s) of clothing
- Cell phone with extra battery and/or charger

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This is forecasted to become a Category 4. Can y'all please send me some bullets on preparation and response that LG can use if he's interviewed? Also, please send me some things he can put on social media before and after.

Thanks

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