



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS



Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. Follow these guidelines to help your family prepare for a hurricane.

## Know Your Hurricane Risks

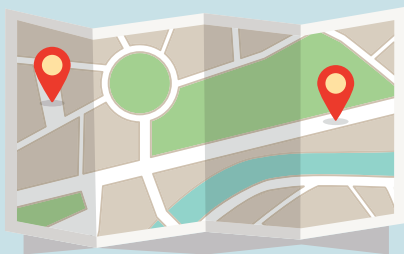
Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. In the Midlands, these storms can bring destructive winds (including tornadoes), flooding and widespread loss of electricity. Now is the time to prepare for hurricane season.

## Make an Emergency Plan

As an essential employee of Lexington Medical Center, you may be required to work during a hurricane. Create an emergency plan in advance to ensure the safety of your family, pets and home. Determine the safest location in your home, and share this location with everyone in your household so they know how to stay safe while you're away. If you are a single parent or anyone in your household is an individual with a disability, you may need additional help during an emergency. Share your hurricane plan with members of your family and caregivers.

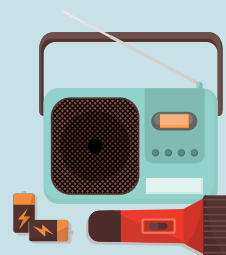
Make sure you know alternate routes to get to work, and keep a full tank of gas. Roads are likely to be flooded or blocked, causing travel delays.

Assemble a family emergency kit with items you may need during a hurricane. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as suitcases, duffel bags or covered storage containers.



## Gather Supplies

Keep enough supplies in your home to meet the needs of your family for at least three days, including non-perishable food (requires no refrigeration, little preparation or cooking and little or no water), medication, toiletries, disinfectant supplies, pet supplies and a first aid kit. You should have at least two gallons of water per person per day for at least three days. If you have an infant, be sure to have enough diapers, wipes and formula on hand.



Plan for power outages. Place heavy-duty, wide-beam flashlights and extra batteries in key areas of your home. Consider having a battery-powered radio or NOAA weather radio for emergency alerts.

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## Stay Informed

Click the **Emergencies** tab on the Lexie homepage for safety plans, emergency preparedness, essential personnel lists and disaster outlines for events that may affect the organization's ability to provide appropriate health care services to the community.



## Recognize Warnings and Alerts

Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the SC Emergency Manager app (SCEMD.org/stay-informed/mobile-applications/) to stay informed with the latest information on state office closings and delays, tools to create your personal emergency plan, a list of open shelters and a link to traffic. Sign up for Lexington County Code Red (lex-co.sc.gov/departments/public-safety-0/emergency-management-division/register-emergency-notifications) for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alert.

## Secure Valuables and Documents

Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space. Place valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home and away from windows.



## Strengthen Your Home

Declutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture and cover windows with plywood or hurricane shutters. Secure objects that could cause damage if picked up by strong winds. If possible, trim trees and clear away any fallen branches that could easily go airborne during a storm.

Make sure your parked vehicles are safe. If possible, move your vehicle away from trees or other objects that may damage it in a storm.



### Get Tech Ready

Keep your cellphone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

## Emergency Communication Checklist

When a hurricane watch is issued, it's important to stay informed. Post this checklist in an easily accessible location so it's always close by. Remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you complete the checklist.

**Emergency Contact (name)** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Work** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Child's School** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Physician (name)** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Pediatrician (name)** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Pharmacy** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Company's Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Police** Dial 911 or # \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire** Dial 911 or # \_\_\_\_\_

**Lexington Medical Center** Public Safety (803) 791-2373

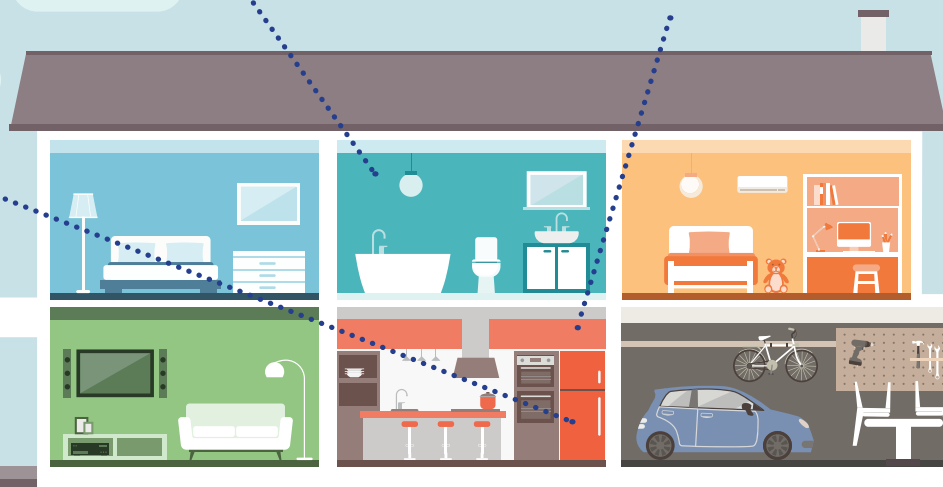
Department Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Determine the safest place in home. Place valuables in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.

Have enough food, water, medical and other supplies to support your needs for several days.

Set refrigerator to the coldest setting.



Bring in outside furniture and anything else that is not secured.