

Prepare for Hurricanes

- **Making a Hurricane Evacuation Plan**
- **Building Go-Kits**
 - www.fema.gov/areyouready/assemble_disaster_supplies_kit.shtm
- **Staying Informed**
 - <http://Ready4Tomorrow.org>

Guidelines for an Evacuation Plan

Step One – Pray for guidance at every step

Step Two – Identify one or more “safe-house” locations

- A nearby friend outside the flood zone
 - Google your county name and “Hurricane Evacuation Zone” for flood zone maps
- A faraway friend outside the hurricane path

Step Three – Communicate your Plan

- Be on lookout for a Call-Em-All message from stake leaders when a hurricane approaches.
- Inform one distant relative of your plan and how to contact you. Ask this person to contact others on your behalf.
- If time permits, ask your Home/Visiting Teaching families if they will shelter in place or evacuate (where to)?
- Inform your Bishop:
 - Home: 1-203-662-6636
 - Cell: 1-917-331-4451
 - Evacuation email: todd.herget@columbiamanagement.com

Step Four – Secure your Property

- If time permits, tie down loose objects at home and cover windows with plywood. Secure the house.

Step Five – Evacuate

- Grab your go-kits and water and cash
- Leave in plenty of time before traffic gridlocks
- Always keep at least ½ a tank of gas and maps in your evacuation car/van
- Avoid flooded areas and downed power lines

Step Six – Report Status

- When the hurricane has passed, inform your remote relative contact of your status and needs
- Connect with your Home/Visiting Teaching families to secure the same information
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Step Seven – Help Others

- Make known your availability to help others
 - At your discretion, make sure your contact information for your visiting and/or home teaches is current and correct.
 - Check-in with them regarding their preparedness as part of your August 2011 visit and message.