



How to Prepare for a Severe Weather Event (Flooding or Hurricane) during a Pandemic

- Write or review your Family Emergency Plan. Before the severe weather event happens, sit down with your family and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency.
- Prepare an evacuation kit with items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as water, hand sanitizer, bar or liquid soap, disinfectant/bleach, ready to eat food, medications, first-aid supplies, baby or pet supplies and *two masks for each person*.
- For those who cannot afford to immediately stock up on all evacuation kit necessities, make essential purchases and slowly build up supplies in advance.
- In case you need to evacuate your home, locate your nearest shelter in advance. Your shelter location may be different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ensure your pet's safety before, during, and after the adverse weather event. If you can, bring your pet with you when evacuating.
- Power outages during and after an adverse weather event can prevent you from accessing information online. Print or write down important emergency phone numbers before a severe weather event strikes.
- Check with neighbours, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance **BUT** be sure to follow social distancing and mask recommendations (staying at least 6 feet from others).
- Ensure everyone knows what they can do to keep them safe from COVID-19. If you evacuate to a public shelter or decide to stay with family or friends protect yourself and others by:
 - Social distancing
 - Wearing a mask
 - Washing your hands regularly
 - Avoiding touching your face.
 - Avoiding sharing food and drink with others
 - Avoiding touching common surfaces as often as possible