



Region II Individual Preparedness Activities

Scenario Four: Hurricane / Flood

Welcome to PrepareAthon! A key element to successfully responding to and recovering from a major disaster is the overall preparedness of individual citizens and their families. With that in mind, we invite you to participate in a series of ‘What would you do?’ scenarios with your loved ones in order to assess your level of preparedness. These tabletop activities are intended to be low-stress conversation starters to be discussed, as the name implies, around your dinner table. We do not want to know your results; only that you participated. Following the situation we have included some discussion questions for your tabletop activity, as well as some helpful links to enhance your individual preparedness. Good luck and thank you for participating in America’s PrepareAthon!

Scenario: The local news reporters are practically losing their minds over a major storm that is heading this way! You can’t turn on the TV or radio without hearing about how this could be the “Storm of the Century.” You’re skeptical because they have been wrong in the past, but you really don’t want to take any chances. The storm is two days away; now is the time to act.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the flood risk for the area you live in? Do you know where to find that information?
2. What is the difference between a Hurricane Watch and a Hurricane Warning?
3. What actions can you take around your house or neighborhood to help reduce the impact of a flooding event?
4. Discuss with your family the plan for a hurricane or major flood. What supplies do you have saved for such an event?
5. Where do you keep copies of important documents such as birth certificates, insurance policies, marriage license or favorite photos?
6. If you have pets, what is your plan for them? Do you know if your town allows pets in shelters?
7. Does anyone in your family have any special needs (such as medical, emotional or physical needs, or limited English proficiency) that might present challenges if you had to stay at a shelter? If so, have you prepared a special plan for them?
8. Do you know your evacuation route? Do you have a plan to stay with family or friends if you need to evacuate your home?
9. How will your family members communicate with each other if phone lines and cellular towers have been damaged?

Time to see how you did!

To learn more about this scenario and to check your plan, go to <https://community.fema.gov/take-action/hazards>. Discuss with your loved ones what steps you think you should do in order to improve your safety in the event such a tragedy occurs.

Helpful Links

To learn more about hurricane and flood preparedness, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/hurricanes> and <https://www.ready.gov/floods>

But first, please don’t forget to register that you participated in the activity on America’s PrepareAthon website: http://www.community.fema.gov/AP_Register