

## **Important Documents to Prepare in Case of a Hurricane**

### **1. Proof of Identity and Residency:**

- Government-issued photo IDs: Driver's licenses, passports, or state-issued IDs.
- Proof of residency: Utility bills, bank statements, lease agreements, or rent receipts.

### **2. Insurance Information:**

- Insurance policies: Homeowners, renters, flood, and vehicle insurance policies.
- Insurance company contact information: Agent and agency names, policy numbers, and phone numbers to report claims.
- Have these already saved in your phone along with a picture of your policy's declaration page

### **3. Financial and Legal Documents:**

- Bank statements: Recent statements from checking, savings, and other financial accounts.
- Credit card information: Account numbers, balances, and contact details.
- Mortgage and loan documents: Mortgage statements, loan papers, and related contact information.
- Deeds and titles: Property deed and vehicle titles.
- Wills and other legal documents: Wills, power of attorney, living wills, and healthcare directives.

### **4. Medical and Health Information:**

- Health insurance ID cards: Health insurance or Medicare cards.
- Medical information: List of medications, health conditions, allergies, and immunization records.
- Contact information for medical professionals: Doctors, specialists, and hospitals.

### **5. Documentation of Property and Valuables:**

- Home inventory: Detailed list of possessions with purchase dates and serial numbers, and receipts for high-value items.
- Photos and videos: Document the condition of your home and belongings before and after the storm for insurance claims.
- Receipts for repairs: Keep receipts for any temporary repairs made to prevent further damage.

## **6. Other Important Information:**

- Emergency contacts: Phone numbers and email addresses of family, friends, and other important contacts.
- Evacuation plan: Written plan of evacuation routes and meeting locations.
- Pet information: Vaccination records, veterinary contact information, and recent photos of pets.
- Safeguarding Your Documents:
- Digital storage: Scan or take photos of important documents and store them in a secure online cloud service.
- Physical copies: Store physical copies of critical documents in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe.
- Offsite storage: Consider storing copies of documents in a safe deposit box or with a trusted friend or relative who lives in a different location.
- Portable emergency kit: Include copies of your most important documents in a "go-bag" for easy access during evacuation.
- By taking these steps to prepare your essential paperwork before a hurricane, you can be better equipped to navigate the recovery process and access the assistance you may need after the storm.