

WATERPROOF

Grab-and-Go Document Bag



What to keep ready if your family needs to leave

Keep copies or originals in a waterproof bag or folder. Use what applies to your family. Do not risk your safety to gather documents during an emergency.

GROUP 1

- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Health insurance cards
- ☐ Declaration pages
- ☐ Allergy list
- ☐ Pet vaccination records
- ☐ Custody/guardianship docs, if applicable
- ☐ Recent pet photo
- ☐ USB/backup drive, if used

GROUP 2

- ☐ Driver licenses / state IDs
- ☐ Home/renters insurance policy
- ☐ Auto insurance card
- ☐ Doctor & pharmacy contacts
- ☐ Copies of prescriptions
- ☐ Emergency cash
- ☐ Out-of-town contact card
- ☐ Printed evacuation route

GROUP 3

- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ Flood insurance policy
- ☐ Medication list
- ☐ School IDs or school documents
- ☐ Custody or guardianship papers, if applicable
- ☐ Recent family photo
- ☐ Recent photo of each child
- ☐ This handbook



PARENT/GUARDIAN TIP:

A recent family photo and pet photo can help with reunification if family members or pets become separated.

Protect personal information. Store this bag securely.

Waterproof Grab-and-Go Document Bag

Keep the documents you may need in one protected place.

If your family has to leave quickly, you may not have time to search drawers, files, or apps. A waterproof bag or folder can help keep critical documents together and ready to take with you.

IDENTITY & FAMILY

- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Driver licenses / state IDs
- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ School IDs or school documents
- ☐ Custody or guardianship papers, if applicable
- ☐ Recent family photo
- ☐ Recent photo of each child
- ☐ Recent pet photo

INSURANCE & RECOVERY

- ☐ Home or renters insurance policy
- ☐ Flood insurance policy
- ☐ Auto insurance card
- ☐ Insurance declaration pages
- ☐ Mortgage, lease, or property documents
- ☐ Emergency cash
- ☐ Out-of-town contact card
- ☐ Printed evacuation route



SMALL WIN:

Start with copies if originals are hard to gather. Even a folder with copies, photos, and policy numbers is better than searching during an emergency.

Store sensitive documents securely and protect them from water, theft, or loss.

IDs, Passports, Birth Certificates

Proof of identity can matter after evacuation or damage.

Important identity documents can help families prove who they are, reconnect with services, travel if needed, enroll or return to school, and access insurance or recovery help.

GATHER OR COPY

- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Driver licenses
- ☐ Birth certificates
- ☐ State IDs
- ☐ Social Security cards or secure copies, if appropriate
- ☐ Student IDs
- ☐ Immigration or travel documents, if applicable
- ☐ Custody/guardianship papers, if applicable

STORE SAFELY

- ☐ Waterproof folder or bag
- ☐ Secure digital backup
- ☐ Trusted adult knows location
- ☐ Emergency contact card included
- ☐ Copies separated from originals
- ☐ Photos of key documents saved securely
- ☐ Bag location written on Quick Reference page
- ☐ Reviewed before hurricane season



PARENT/GUARDIAN TIP:

Do not leave sensitive documents lying around. Keep originals and copies secure, and only share completed pages with people you trust.

Protect personal information. Do not post completed document pages online.

Family Photo & Identification Backup

A recent photo can help if people or pets are separated.

A printed family photo may feel old-fashioned, but it can be useful if phones die, cell service is down, or family members become separated. This page is also a reminder to keep recent photos of pets and important belongings.

Photo / Backup	Where it is stored	Done
Recent family photo		☐
Recent photo of each child/teen		☐
Recent pet photo		☐
Photo of vehicle license plate		☐
Photo of home exterior		☐
Emergency contact card photo saved to phone		☐



KIDS4KIDS REMINDER:

Students can help choose a family photo, pack a printed copy, and remind adults to save emergency contacts. Adults should handle private records and safety decisions.

Keep photos accessible offline when possible.

Health & Medication Documents

Make medical information easy to find if your family has to leave.

A storm can interrupt routines, pharmacies, doctors, and transportation. A printed medical snapshot can help adults explain needs quickly if the family evacuates, loses power, or needs help.

Medical Information	Details / Location
Health insurance company	
Health insurance member ID	
Doctor / pediatrician	
Pharmacy	
Medication list location	
Allergy list location	
Medical equipment instructions	
Vaccination records	
Emergency medical contact	



ADULT/MEDICAL PLANNING

Ask a doctor, pharmacist, or equipment provider about backup plans for refrigerated medication, oxygen, batteries, or medical devices before hurricane season.

Insurance Policies & Declaration Pages

Know who to call and where your coverage information is stored.

Insurance is much harder to sort out when you are already stressed. Before hurricane season, print or save the basics: policy numbers, claim numbers, agent contacts, and declaration pages.

Insurance Item	Company / Number / Location
Home insurance company	
Home policy number	
Claims phone number	
Agent name / phone	
Flood insurance company	
Flood policy number	
Auto insurance company	
Health insurance company	
Where declaration pages are stored	



PARENT/GUARDIAN TIP:

A declaration page is the summary page of a policy. Keep it with your waterproof document bag and digital backup so you can find coverage limits, deductibles, and claim contacts quickly.

Review coverage and deductibles with your insurance professional before hurricane season.

Home Inventory Before the Storm

A few photos now can make recovery less confusing later.

Before a storm, take photos or videos of the inside and outside of your home if it is safe to do so. This is not about being perfect. It is about creating a record that may help with insurance and recovery.

PHOTOGRAPH / VIDEO

- ☐ Every room from multiple angles
- ☐ Closets and storage areas
- ☐ Garage and outdoor storage
- ☐ Electronics and appliances
- ☐ Furniture and rugs
- ☐ Artwork, jewelry, collectibles
- ☐ Tools, sports equipment, bikes
- ☐ Exterior walls, roofline, yard, fences

SAVE / RECORD

- ☐ Model or serial numbers if visible
- ☐ Receipts for major purchases
- ☐ Digital backup location
- ☐ Cloud folder name
- ☐ External drive location
- ☐ Trusted adult with backup access
- ☐ Date inventory was taken
- ☐ Update after major purchases



PRO TIP:

Walk slowly through each room and narrate what you are filming. Open cabinets and drawers where appropriate. Save the video somewhere you can access if your phone is damaged.

Document belongings before cleanup or disposal when it is safe to do so.