

TEST YOUR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS KNOWLEDGE

1 MYTH: Preparing for disasters is time-consuming and expensive.

FACT: Signing up for local alerts and warnings is free. Many preparedness apps are also free.

FACT: Your home may already contain emergency kit items.

FACT: You can purchase items for an emergency kit and assemble it over time.

FACT: Having an adequate emergency supply of food and a communication plan can be of benefit no matter the hazard.

2 MYTH: My homeowners insurance should cover everything if a hurricane affects me.

FACT: This is not always the case. Check your insurance policy and consult your insurance agent.

FACT: Standard homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.

3 MYTH: In an emergency, only first responders need to know what to do.

FACT: Everyone needs to know what to do before, during, and after a hurricane to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors.

FACT: First responders may not reach you for hours or days after a hurricane strikes. Everyone needs to know what to do to stay safe.

4 MYTH: I am prepared for any emergency, including a hurricane, if I have an emergency kit packed.

FACT: Emergency preparedness requires more than a kit.

FACT: Having a family communication plan, signing up for alerts and warnings, and knowing what to do and how to evacuate are also important.

FACT: Many emergencies require knowledge of what to do to protect yourself.

5 MYTH: It's okay if I drive through a small amount of floodwater.

FACT: As little as 12 inches of water can float smaller SUVs and 18 inches of water can float larger vehicles such as full-size SUVs.

FACT: The depth of the water is not always obvious, and moving water has tremendous power. Turn Around Don't Drown®

FACT: Even a small amount of water on a road may hide dangers such as undermined roads ready to collapse.

6 MYTH: A person can safely wait to evacuate until confirmation that a hurricane is in their area.

FACT: Those who wait for actual confirmation of a hurricane may be trapped by high winds, flooding, or traffic.

7 MYTH: If I tape my windows, it will protect them from strong hurricane force winds.

FACT: Taping windows can create larger and deadlier shards of glass.

FACT: Hurricane shutters or impact-resistant windows are far more effective in protecting against breakage of windows.