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Family Disaster Plan

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each potential hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Make plans now to stay with a friend, find out-of-area lodging, or go to a shelter if a hurricane approaches and your home is in an evacuation zone.
- If you decide to stay in your home, determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate. Contact your vet or local kennels for boarding information or find pet friendly lodging.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage. Call us and we'll go over your policy.
- Obtain the items suggested in the enclosed Hurricane Supply Kit.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.
- Make the necessary repairs to your home to ensure that your property is protected in the areas where wind can enter. According to recent wind technology research, it's important to strengthen the exterior of your house so wind and debris do not tear large openings in it. You can do this by protecting and reinforcing these five critical areas: roof, straps, shutters, doors, and garage doors.
- Take pictures of your home and its contents and make sure to note the date the pictures were taken. Be sure to put the pictures in a safe dry place or take them with you if you evacuate.