

2021 HURRICANE SEASON

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

GET READY

Checklists and local info on preparing for hurricanes

Ready.gov: Hurricanes [ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)

Texas Ready [txready.org](https://www.txready.org)

Ready Harris [readyharris.org](https://www.readyharris.org)

Ready Houston [readyhouston.tx.gov](https://www.readyhouston.tx.gov)

STAY UPDATED

Harris County Flood Warning System

[harriscountyfws.org](https://www.harriscountyfws.org)

Twitter: [@HCFCD](https://twitter.com/HCFCD)

AlertHouston

[houstonemergency.org/alerts](https://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts)

Twitter: [@AlertHouston](https://twitter.com/AlertHouston)

Houston TranStar

[houstontranstar.org](https://www.houstontranstar.org)

Twitter: [@Hou_RoadWeather](https://twitter.com/Hou_RoadWeather)

National Weather Service

[weather.gov/hgx](https://www.weather.gov/hgx)

Twitter: [@NWSHouston](https://twitter.com/NWSHouston)

FLOOD INSURANCE

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides affordable insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses to help mitigate the effects of flooding on homes, businesses, and properties.

For those applying for the NFIP, most policies take 30 days to take effect. And for those who already have a policy, please note that it does not renew automatically. It is important to start the process soon.

National Flood Insurance Program

[FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov)

BUILD A KIT

FOOD & WATER

- 7-day supply of non-perishable food
- Hand-operated can opener
- Plastic plates, cups, and utensils
- 7-day supply of 1 gallon of drinking water per person per day

FIRST AID

- [American Red Cross approved first aid kit](#)
- Prescriptions and essential medications

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes
- Toilet paper, paper towels, and garbage bags
- Dental care and vision products
- Change of clothes, pair of shoes and blanket per person

BABY ITEMS

- Baby formula and bottles
- Diapers

COMMUNICATION

- Portable, battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries for flashlights, lanterns, and radio
- Extra cell phone battery or car charger

PET NEEDS

- 7-day supply of non-perishable pet food
- Cage or pet carrier and leash
- Pet medications and pet first aid kit

This list is not exhaustive. Please visit the Ready Harris **Emergency Essentials Kit Checklist** at bit.ly/EmergencyEssentialsKit for more.

