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### **Hurricane Preparation at FUMCWP**

Hurricane Season is between June 1 and November 30 each year. Knowledge and experience has increased resulting in new recommendations with a goal of saving lives and property.

We believe that love for our neighbor requires us to be prepared so that our losses will be minimized resulting in our ability to help others.

#### 1) Make a plan!

- Have a document with contact information of family, friends, doctor, utilities and insurance agent. Have 1 contact who lives out of vulnerable area.
- Store important documents in waterproof container, ready to go.
- Assess risk from wind and water and know where you would go if evacuation is recommended.
- Register for medical shelter if needing power for health needs.
- Share your plan.

#### 2) Get an insurance checkup.

- Know where documents are and review with agent for deductible and exclusions.
- Consider flood insurance.

#### 3) Assemble supplies.

- Have enough supplies for your household including medication, disinfectant wipes , soap and bleach.
- Have containers to hold 1 gallon of water /person for 7 days. Ice can be frozen in gallon freezer bags prior to a storm.
- Food - Canned meats, fruits, vegetables, soups, stews and chili that can be heated over a grill (requires charcoal) or in a fondue pot (requires sterno); manual can opener
- Utensils and bowls and plates.
- Flashlight and batter-operated radio and batteries
- Toilet paper in water-proof container
- First-aid kit

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4) Get you home and car ready.

- Declutter street drains and home gutters and downspouts
- Remove weak and dead trees and loose debris.
- If planning to use a generator, check its working condition and review all safety guidelines, including being away from the house.

5) Last minute prep.

- Fill your car's gas tank and move car to safe location.
- Get cash.
- Bring in loose furniture and items in yard.
- Turn off power if flooding, visible downed power lines, or evacuating.
- Fill bathtubs with water if staying in place to use as non-drinking water.
- Have phone charged and take charger if evacuating.

6) Evacuate if ordered.

- Use shelters as last resort and emergency medical shelters require pre-registration and taking all personal items including medication and special dietary needs.

7) Stay aware of weather forecasts as these change as storms get closer.

8) Follow emergency instruction afterwards to know when it is safe to get out.