

# PENSACOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 5-May 11. Check out the NOAA National Weather Service daily themes.

### **2023 Hurricane Preparedness Week Daily Themes**

#### **May 5-Know Your Hurricane Risk**

- Check with local officials to understand your risk.
- Search online to find your local emergency management agency to learn more.
- Sign up for local alerts or download the FEMA app.

#### **May 6-Know Your Evacuation Zone**

- Learn your evacuation zone, route, and an alternate location to stay.
- Include pets when planning to evacuate.
- Practice your plan.

#### **May 7-Assemble Disaster Supplies**

- Gather needed supplies for at least 10 days.
- Don't forget your specific needs like meds, powered devices, pets etc.
- Keep cash in your emergency kit.

#### **May 8-Prepare Financially**

- Start an emergency savings fund.
- Check your insurance coverage to make sure you have enough coverage.
- Learn more about flood insurance by visiting: [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

#### **May 9-Strengthen Your Home**

- Make sure your home is in good repair and meets local hurricane building codes.
- Declutter drains and gutters, trim trees, secure loose outdoor items & secure doors.
- Know a safe location to move your car during a hurricane.

#### **May 10-Help Your Neighbors**

- Get to know your neighbors before an emergency strikes.

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- Make sure they have a plan before and after a hurricane.
- Exchange contact information

### **May 11-Make an Emergency Plan**

- Write down your hurricane plan & share it.
- Make a plan of how you will get in touch with others before, during, and after.
- Take photos of important documents and store them in a secure place.

The 2023 Hurricane Season begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make preparations in advance.

Helpful links:

[ready.gov/hurricane-toolkit](https://ready.gov/hurricane-toolkit)

[bereadyescambia.com](https://bereadyescambia.com)

[cityofpensacola.com/1026/Flooding-and-Hurricane-Preparedness](https://cityofpensacola.com/1026/Flooding-and-Hurricane-Preparedness)

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