



HURRICANE Preparedness Sheet

Hey kids! Hurricanes are big storms that can bring a lot of rain and strong winds. It's important to be prepared and stay safe. Here's what you need to know:

WHAT IS A HURRICANE?



Hurricanes are large, swirling storms with strong winds and heavy rain.



They can cause flooding, damage buildings, and knock down trees.

BEFORE A HURRICANE

- 1 **Talk to Your Parents**
Make sure they have a plan and know what to do.
- 2 **Create a Kit**
Help your family gather emergency supplies like water, food, and flashlights.
- 3 **Know Your Safe Place**
Find a safe room in your house, like a basement or an interior room with no windows.
- 4 **Practice**
Have a family drill to practice what to do if a hurricane comes.

DURING A HURRICANE

- 1 **Stay Inside**
Do not go outside during the storm.
- 2 **Stay Away from Windows**
It's safer to stay in the middle of your home or in a windowless room.
- 3 **Use Flashlights**
If the power goes out, use flashlights instead of candles to avoid fire hazards.
- 4 **Stay Calm**
Keep your favorite toys, books, and games nearby to help pass the time.

AFTER A HURRICANE

- 1 **Wait for the All-Clear**
Don't go outside until your parents say it's safe.
- 2 **Avoid Floodwater**
Stay away from water as it might be dirty or hide dangers.
- 3 **Help Clean Up**
Assist your family in cleaning up if it's safe to do so, but avoid broken glass and other sharp objects.



EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Water**
(1 gallon per person per day)
- ✓ **Non-perishable food**
(like canned food and snacks)
- ✓ **Flashlights and extra batteries**
- ✓ **First aid kit**
- ✓ **Personal items**
(toothbrush, medicine)
- ✓ **Important documents in a waterproof bag**
- ✓ **Favorite toys or games**



HELPFUL TIPS

- Know Your Contacts** Memorize important phone numbers like your parents' cell phones.
- Keep a List** Write down what you need to pack in your emergency kit.
- Stay Informed** Listen to the radio or TV for updates about the hurricane.



HURRICANE QUIZ

1. What is a hurricane?

- A** A type of earthquake
- B** A large rotating storm with high-speed winds
- C** A small rainstorm
- D** A snowstorm

2. What is the minimum wind speed for a tropical storm to be classified as a hurricane?

- A** 39 mph
- B** 58 mph
- C** 74 mph
- D** 90 mph

3. Which part of a hurricane is calm and clear?

- A** The eye
- B** The eyewall
- C** The rainbands
- D** The outer edges

4. Where should you stay during a hurricane?

- A** Near the windows
- B** Outside
- C** Inside, away from windows
- D** Below a tree

5. What is a storm surge?

- A** Heavy rainfall
- B** A rise in sea level caused by a storm
- C** High-speed winds
- D** An earthquake in the ocean

6. What are the three main impacts of hurricanes on land?

- A** Wind damage, heat waves, and tornadoes
- B** Wind damage, storm surge, and heavy rainfall
- C** Earthquakes, snowstorms, and floods
- D** Tsunamis, heat waves, and droughts

7. Why is it important to have an emergency plan during hurricane season?

- A** To ensure you have enough food for a party
- B** To prepare for potential power outages and evacuations
- C** To organize a community picnic
- D** To avoid school outages during the storm

8. Which of the following is NOT a category used to classify hurricanes?

- A** Category 1
- B** Category 3
- C** Category 6
- D** Category 5

9. What should you include in an emergency kit for a hurricane?

- A** Sunglasses and sunscreen
- B** Flashlight, water, and non-perishable food
- C** Skis and snow boots
- D** Sand and beach toys

10. How can hurricanes economically impact a region?

- A** By increasing snowfall
- B** By causing damage to buildings and infrastructure
- C** By making it hotter
- D** By preventing rain