

Caribbean Emergency and Weather Net

(3.815 MHz LSB, 10:30 & 22:30 UTC)




Amateur Radio Operators Emergency Preparedness Plan

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Radio amateurs should exemplify preparedness. Only when you and your family are safe can you serve your community and country. Taking a little time to plan for your family's safety can minimize injury, death or suffering. How prepared are you?

Most important in disaster preparation is to **HAVE A PLAN!** Radio amateurs must plan not only from the amateur radio perspective, but also with respect to community and family. You should presume loss of AC power and amateur radio repeaters, as often happens after storms.

Family Plan

Please tick the appropriate box 

My house could possibly be affected by the following severe events:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood | <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake | <input type="checkbox"/> Volcano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sea surge | <input type="checkbox"/> Tsunami |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide | <input type="checkbox"/> Bush/forest fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial accident | |

If I stay at home, I will do the following to protect my home and myself from disaster:

Flood:

- I will install sandbags and other flood barriers

Bush forest fire:

- I will clear dry bush from around the house to prevent fire from spreading

Earthquake:

- I will secure large objects which can fall and injure family members

Hurricane:

I have the following protection for my windows and glass doors:

- Shutters Plywood (1/2 inch or thicker)
 I have other barrier materials
 None purchased as yet

Other: _____

The shut-off valves are located:

- Water _____
 Electricity _____
 Gas _____

I have copies of important papers and I've put them in a waterproof container that's safe from fire.

- Yes No

The following documents are safely secured in a known location.

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Birth, marriage and other certificates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal ID cards/ papers/ passport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Land & building deeds/ rental agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Insurance & other policies |

In the event of hurricane, I have identified a safe room:

- Yes No

If I have to evacuate, I will go to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

My closest emergency shelter is:

I have made proper arrangements to go there:

- Yes No

I have a survival kit: Yes No

I have notified my family/friends of our plans:

- Yes No

If at work or school: Where will I go if I cannot get home?

Where will we meet after the event if we get separated?

Name and type of pets/ livestock you own:

What will I do with my pets/livestock if I have to leave my home?:

Do I have a car or boat? Yes No

How will I secure that car or boat?:

Do I have solar panels installed? Yes No

How and when will I secure the panels?:

How will I secure my radios and antennas?:

Family Emergency Contact Numbers

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

FIRE: _____

POLICE: _____

HOSPITAL: _____

FAMILY DOCTORS: _____

In case of emergency at home, I will evacuate to: _____

In case of emergency at work or school, I will evacuate to: _____

Family Survival Kit for at least 10 days

- Food items (non-perishable)
- Water 2-6 litres per person, per day (for drinking & cooking)
- Hygiene supplies soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, feminine products, toilet paper
- Essential medications and medical card which shows blood type, allergies etc.
- First aid supplies
- Matches
- Can opener & kitchen knife
- Transistor radio
- Torch & batteries /lamps & fuel/whistle
- Bedding
- Reading glasses
- Copies of important documents
- Entertainment material (books, paying cards, cellular phone or tablet etc)
- Pet food

Amateur Radio Checklist

- Spare antennas (HF & VHF/UHF)
- Antenna rope
- Radios (HF & VHF)
- Charged Batteries (HF & VHF)
- Solar panels & charge controller
- Inverter
- Solder, soldering equipment (12V if possible)
- Tools (screw drivers, pliers, cutters etc)
- Computer (Laptop for digital messaging and logging)
- Digital messaging software installed on computer
- Digital interfacing cables
- Digital interface (packet/NBEMS/Winlink)
- Notepad, pen and/or pencil, ruler
- Solar/battery powered desk lamp
- Sleeping bag/cot
- Electrical Tape
- Duct Tape
- Mosquito repellent
- Garbage bags
- Generator
- Fuel & oil for generator, car etc.