

# SEVEN P's OF PREPAREDNESS

Prepare yourself, your family, neighbors, and friends for evacuation with these seven steps.

## PEOPLE

Your top priority is always to ensure that all the people in your home get to safety. Plan with your loved ones what you would do in the event of an emergency. Make sure your vehicles have a full tank of gas in case you need to make a quick getaway.

## PETS

Plan for your pets, too. Keep carriers, collars, and leashes handy. Consider how to evacuate your pets if needed, or where your pets will stay if you cannot return home.

## PRESCRIPTIONS

If anyone in your family needs prescription medication, ensure that they have a sufficient supply on hand. Keep a supply of medications in your [emergency supply kit](#).

## PCs

If your personal computer is a laptop or something you are able to pick up and take with you easily, consider keeping a record of your household inventory on it. It is likely that your insurance company will request this information should you need to submit a claim. Additionally, consider backing up your important files and photos to a cloud-supported service so that your files are accessible anywhere, anytime, on any computer.

## PHOTOS

Keep a photographic record of your property and everything in it. Consider taking a video of your property and belongings as well. This information will help should you have to file an insurance claim. Use a photo scanning service to digitize your prints, slides, VHS tapes, or other visual media. Keep a digital copy of these files on a cloud-supported service or flash drive.

## PAPERWORK

Birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, and property deeds are all examples of valuable documents. Keep these these documents in a secure, but easily accessible place, like a fire-proof safe or lock box.

## PHONE

Keep your mobile phone charged. If you have a smartphone, use this to help record your household inventory.