

Emergency Financial Kit

After a hurricane, earthquake, or other disaster, it may not be "business as usual." Banks and ATMs might be closed for an indefinite period. Be prepared with an Emergency Financial Kit.

Emergency Cash

Include in your emergency kit a sufficient amount of cash to get you through the emergency period. You'll need cash to purchase food, gas and other emergency supplies. Store emergency cash in small bills—ones, five and tens are best.

Keep an extra credit card with available credit on hand for emergency funds. Another option is traveler's checks (keep a record of the traveler's check serial numbers in a safe location.)

Include plenty of coins to call your out-of-state contact from a public phone. (Public phone lines are among the first to be restored after a disaster.) You can also use your calling card to make the call.



Important Documents



You'll also want copies of insurance policies, birth certificates and other vital records after a damaging earthquake or other disaster. This personal information is necessary for insurance claims and other matters. Take steps NOW to protect these important papers. Keep important items and documents and/or copies of them in a safe deposit box, fireproof storage box, freezer or another safe place.

Store important documents such as:

- Social security cards
- Birth certificates
- Marriage and death records
- Drivers' licenses
- Passports
- Credit cards
- Insurance policies
- Recent income tax returns
- Mortgage or rental receipts
- Paycheck stubs
- Deeds
- Stocks and bonds
- Bank account books
- Wills
- Documentation of valuables
- Health history, allergies, blood types
- Recent photos for I.D. purposes



Storage tips:

Keep original documents and copies in water-tight bags.

Consider storing copies of your valuable documents in any of the following safe places:

- Fireproof storage box
- Safe Deposit box
- Freezer (seal documents tightly in a freezer bag)
- At the home of a trusted friend or off-island contact (copies only, not originals!)

If you have a digital camera or video camera, you can use it to document your possessions. This can facilitate insurance claims. You can also use a scanner to make electronic copies of receipts and warranty documents.

Keep this information in a secure place.



Your name _____

Phone # (home) _____ Phone # (work) _____

Local emergency contact name & phone # _____

Off-island emergency contact name & # _____

Insurance Information



Auto insurance policy # _____

Home insurance policy # _____

Insurance company _____

Agent name _____ Phone # _____

Financial Information



Bank name _____ Phone # _____

Account number(s) _____

Bank name _____ Phone # _____

Account number(s) _____

Accountant name _____ Phone # _____

Legal Information



Attorney name _____ Phone # _____

Trustee name _____ Phone # _____