YOUR FAMILY PLAN
WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

Your family needs to be prepared with a disaster plan at the beginning of hurricane season. Taking time now to develop your plan will save time, stress, even lives. Use the resources in this guide and on WPBF.com to develop your family plan.

What to pack when evacuating:
- Prescription medications and medical supplies
- First aid kit
- Clothing
- Bedding, including sleeping bags and pillows
- Bottled water
- Battery-operated radio
- Batteries
- Flashlight
- Cell Phone Chargers
- Important documents (Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.)

In case of a Hurricane Watch:
- Stay tuned to WPBF 25 News, WPBF.COM, the WPBF 25 News App, our social media pages, or NOAA Weather Radio for storm updates.
- Prepare to bring inside any lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants, and anything else that can be picked up by the wind.
- Prepare to cover all windows of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use precut plywood as described below. Note: Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, so taping windows is not recommended.
- Fill your car’s gas tank.
- Recheck manufactured home tie-downs.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.

In case of a Hurricane Warning:
- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.
- Be aware that the calm “eye” is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds.
- Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can happen during a hurricane and after it passes over.
- Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way.