

National Level Exercise 2018

WHAT IS NATIONAL LEVEL EXERCISE 2018?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) leads national level exercises every two years. National Level Exercise (NLE) 2018 will occur the first two weeks of May and will examine the ability of all levels of government, private industry, and nongovernmental organizations to protect against, respond to, and recover from a major Mid-Atlantic hurricane. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria last fall reinforced the need to prepare for hurricanes, and NLE 2018 provides a well timed opportunity to apply the lessons from those storms in advance of the 2018 hurricane season, which begins June 1.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are many ways for individuals, families, and communities to participate in NLE 2018 and get better prepared for hurricanes. If you and your family live in an area vulnerable to hurricanes, it is important that you understand your risk, develop a preparedness plan, and take action.

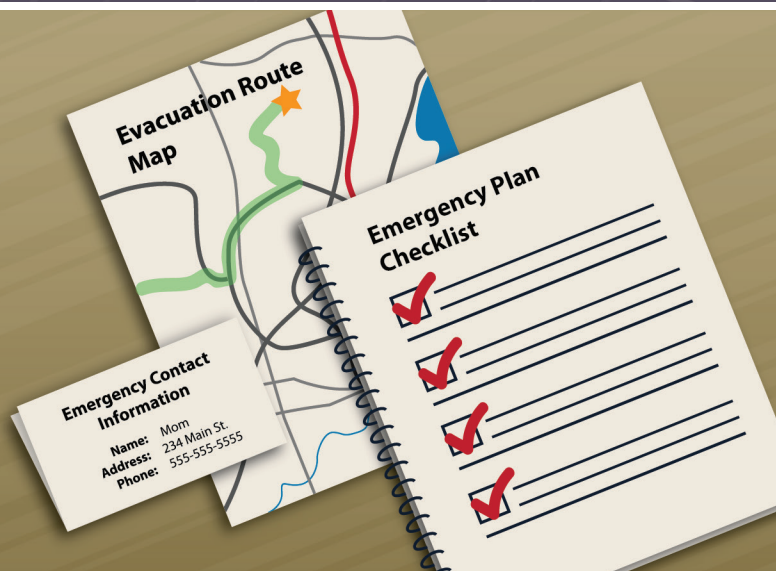
GET ALERTS AND WARNINGS

Receiving timely information about weather conditions or other emergencies can make all the difference in knowing when to take action to be safe.

Download the **FEMA App** at www.fema.gov/mobile-app to learn what to do before, during, and after emergencies, and receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service. The FEMA App is available in English and Spanish.

CREATE AND TEST A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. **Get started on your plan** at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.



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DOCUMENT AND INSURE PROPERTY

When a disaster strikes, having insurance for your home or business property is the best way to ensure you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild, or replace whatever is damaged. Get started with the **Document and Insure Your Property** guide at go.usa.gov/xQqqN. Visit www.FloodSmart.gov to learn more about purchasing flood insurance and the **National Flood Insurance Program**.

STRENGTHEN YOUR FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

Taking the time now to collect and secure personal financial, insurance, medical, and other records will give you peace of mind and, in the event of an emergency, will ensure that you have the documentation needed to start the recovery process without delay. Download FEMA's **Emergency Financial First Aid Kit** at www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness.



WORKSHOP



GET TRAINED

Every minute is important in a disaster, and if emergency responders are not nearby, you could be the one to **help others until help arrives**.

Visit www.ready.gov/until-help-arrives for online training and to find out what your role can be during disasters. You can also contact your local emergency management office to find upcoming training and events in your community.



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