

# Union Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Preparedness Guide for those who plan to use church property instead of an Approved Shelter in the event of a Hurricane or other disaster.

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**Use it at your own risk.**

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Below is a list of Suggestions and Items you may need in the event you use the church Volunteer Housing Facility during a Hurricane or other emergency. It is by no means all inclusive. If you have questions or concerns, please discuss them with your family or a member of the church's Disaster Preparedness Committee.

- Create a 72 Hour Emergency Kit to take with you to the church. Update the kit every 6 months to make sure all food, water and medications are fresh and that personal documents and credit cards are up to date.
- Bring reading material and games for use during a stressful time.
- Include any other item you feel necessary for your survival.
- Pack the contents in a sturdy, rolling covered plastic storage bin or suit case

## Food and Water

3 day supply of *non-perishable* food & water per person

- Protein/Granola Bars
- Trail Mix/Dried Fruit
- Crackers/Cereal (for snacks)
- Canned Tuna, Beans, Meat, Vienna Sausages, Spam, etc.
- Canned (or boxed) Juice
- Candy/Gum
- Water (1 gal/person/day)

## Bedding and Clothing

- Change of clothing
- Undergarments
- Rain Gear/Poncho
- Blanket/Sleeping Bag
- Inflatable Twin Mattress
- Cloth Sheet
- Pillow

## Lighting

- Flashlights/Lamps
- Extra Batteries
- Candles/Lighter
- Waterproof Matches

## Personal


- Cell Phone & Charger
- Toiletries
- Medications

## Documents & Money

- Genealogy Records
- Legal Docs (Birth/Marriage/Death/Wills/Trusts/Passports/Contracts/Deeds, etc.)
- Insurance Policies
- Home Contents Video or Photos
- Cash
- Credit Card

## Miscellaneous

- Zip Lock Storage Bags
- Pen & Paper
- Pet, Crate, Food & Meds
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### **A Few Rules to live by**

- All pets must be in crates and placed in Room 3. Clean up after your pet, and only walk them on a leash.
- Nobody should be forced to vacate, but anyone seeking shelter should ask to share space in the dorm rooms.
- If there is a generator available, the group staying in the VHF must supply the gasoline, and it must be stored outdoors.
- Candles are not permitted at any time. Smoking is not permitted.
- Three (3) Battery operated lanterns have been provided, one for each dorm room and 1 for the common areas.
- Please clean all appliances and areas when you vacate.
- Leadership should be by consensus or elected by a majority vote.

There is a copy of this form in the VHF Handbook in the Kitchenette/Lounge

I have read and understand this Preparedness Guide.

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Signed

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Date