

PET PREPAREDNESS TIPS

General Prep

- Sign up for **local emergency alerts** through your city or county.
- Create a **portable pet emergency kit** in case you're trapped in your home or are forced to evacuate. This kit should include essential items such as:
 - medical records
 - water bowls
 - any necessary pet medications to last at least ten days
 - water
 - pet food
- Create an **emergency plan** and if you do evacuate, never leave your pet behind.
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with **up-to-date identification information**. Keep your pet's microchip account updated with your current contact information.
- Share your emergency plan** with a trusted friend, family member or neighbor so they can help get your pets to safety if you are away from home when disaster strikes. Keep in mind that pets may be more comfortable with a person they have met before.
- If you know you may be in the line of a disaster, **prepare your pet's crate in advance**, and even consider crating them early. Not only will this ensure you're ready to go when you do decide to evacuate, but you'll have an easier time finding your pet and putting them in a crate if they don't sense the level of urgency that might come with an immediate evacuation.
- If you are home without power, **consider keeping your pet with a friend or family member** and providing detailed instructions for care and contact information for their veterinarian.
- Be prepared in the event you lose electricity**. Fill up bathtubs and sinks ahead of time to ensure that you have access to water during a power outage.
- Candles** and pets can be a dangerous combination. Instead of candles, consider battery powered lanterns, flashlights, and headlamps. Never use propane-fueled or other portable outdoor heaters inside your home.

Hurricane Tips

- In the event of flooding**, go to the highest location in your home or a room that has access to counters or high shelves where your animals can take shelter.
- If you do evacuate**, never leave your pet behind or tether them to poles or trees, which prevents them from escaping high waters and getting to safe areas.

Wildfire Tips

- Be familiar with **the three wildfire evacuation levels**: Get Ready, Be Set, and Go Now. Create an evacuation plan in advance and evacuate quickly with your pets when directed to do so by local officials.
- If you do evacuate**, never leave your pet behind or tether them to poles or trees, which prevents them from escaping smoke and flames and getting to safety



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