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# TOWN HALL MEETING

CITY OF FAIRHOPE  
Karin Wilson, Mayor

JUNE 6, 2017  
Fairhope Public Library

# Emergency Preparedness



Are You Prepared?



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*“Let our advance worrying become advanced thinking and planning.”*

Winston Churchill



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# Are You Prepared?

Have you ever thought about how to prepare for an emergency?

How would you:

- Take care of yourself from 72-120 hours?
- Survive without water or power?
- Contact family and receive information?





# Are You Prepared?

**Disasters disrupt lives.**

**Disasters can strike anywhere,  
anyone, anytime.**

**Following a disaster, it may take up to  
120 Hours for help to arrive.**

**Being prepared is the best strategy.**





## 3 steps in getting prepared for a disaster:

### Know Your Risks

- Make a plan
- Build 2 Kits.
  - In one put everything you would need if you were to shelter in place.
  - The second one should be light weight ,smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away. Fill with essentials like medications.



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## Step 1:

Know the **risks** in your community.

The consequences of emergencies can be similar, but knowing what risks are in your community can help you better prepare.



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## Step 2: Make a Plan

A document titled 'Ready Family Emergency Plan' with a red border. The text 'Emergency Contact List' is written in large, bold, red letters across the center of the form. The form includes sections for 'Family Members', 'Emergency Contacts', and 'Evacuation Routes'. A green checkmark is visible in the top left corner of the document.

**You are not prepared- until you make a plan**

- Use the *Family Communication Plan* as a guide
- Make copies of your plan
- Keep copies in safe and memorable places





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## Step 2: Special Needs Plan



- Health Information
  - Health care providers, insurance information
- Grab-and-go bag
  - Medications/Prescriptions, important documents
- Mobility equipment/Oxygen tanks/supplies.



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## Step 2: Fido and Kitty Plans



- How are you going to transport your pets?
- Extra pet food and water in your emergency kit
- Copies of vaccinations/rabies records & vet contact

<http://hotelguides.com/pet-friendly-hotels/alabama/al-pet-friendly-hotels.html>



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**Step 2:**

**Practice!!!**



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## Step 3 Build a Kit

**If you had to prepare to be self sufficient for 72-120 hours, what would you put in your kit?**



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## Step 3: Build a Kit





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## Links for preparedness:

Hurricane Strong:

<http://www.hurricanestrong.org/>

FEMA:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

American Red Cross:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)





# Are You Prepared?

## General Public Shelters of last resort



**Baldwin County  
Coliseum**  
19477 Fairground  
Road  
Robertsdale,  
Alabama 36567



**Daphne East Elementary**  
26651 County Road 13  
Daphne, Alabama 26526



**Bay Minette Middle School**  
1311 West 13th Street  
Bay Minette, AL 36507





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## Medical Needs Shelter



### Baldwin County Coliseum

19477 Fairground Road  
Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

Medical needs, for persons with physical and or mental conditions who require limited medical/ Nursing oversight. For further information download the ADPH Emergency preparedness pamphlet







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## Electrical Support Shelters



**Baldwin County Level II  
Community Shelter**  
207 North White Avenue  
Bay Minette, AL 36507



**Baldwin County Coliseum**  
19477 Fairground Road  
Robertsdale, AL 36567





# Are You Prepared?

## Electrical Support Shelters



**Foley Satellite Courthouse**  
201 East Section Avenue  
Foley, AL 36535



**Fairhope Satellite Courthouse**  
1100 Fairhope Avenue  
Fairhope, AL 36532





# City Outdoor Warning Siren

The City of Fairhope has an **Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren** that may be used to alert citizens of a major emergency in the area that may require citizens to take immediate action including shelter. The outdoor warning siren may be activated under the following circumstances:

- The National Weather Service issues a **TORNADO WARNING** and the City of Fairhope is within the National Weather Service Warning Polygon.
  - The National Weather Service issues a **THUNDERSTORM WARNING** producing life threatening winds of 65 mph or greater and Fairhope is within the National Weather Service warning polygon.
- A confirmed **TORNADO** spotted in the Fairhope area.
- If a **TORNADO** is confirmed in our area, the siren may be set off multiple times.
- As deemed necessary by the Mayor of Fairhope or another designated Public Official.

## **WHAT TO DO IF THE SIREN IS ACTIVATED**

**TAKE IMMEDIATE SHELTER INSIDE THE CLOSEST STURDY STRUCTURE. AS A LAST RESORT, TAKE SHELTER INSIDE AN AUTOMOBILE**

**NOTE: At no point will the City of Fairhope sound an all clear siren**





# Emergency Notification System

This new emergency notification system will help solve most communication obstacles that the City may face when connecting residents and staff to information they need during emergencies.





# Are You Prepared?

**“IF YOU FAIL TO PREPARE, YOU’RE PREPARED  
TO FAIL.”**

**MARK SPITZ**

© Lifehack Quotes



# Are You Prepared?

Thinking ahead...

- Review your insurance coverage
- Preparing your home prior to the event
- If an evacuation is called or you live in a flood prone area leave
- Dealing with contractors
- Immediate concerns following a storm
- List of contacts needed





# Are You Prepared?

## Review your insurance policy for coverage

- Can't alter or add coverage to a policy if there is a storm in the gulf

## Do you have flood insurance

- Are you in a flood zone?
- Almost 30% of flood losses occur outside of flood zones
- Low lying areas without required floor elevations

## Find locations to evacuate in advance (hotels-consider if they take pets)

## Know your evacuation route

- What is traffic going to be like
- How much time do you need to get away





# Insurance Coverage

## Does your insurance policy cover required building code upgrades?

- Repair work will have to be performed to current code requirements
- If a building is substantially damaged (50% or more by value or square footage), the building will have to be repaired to meet current code requirements

## Do you have flood insurance?

- Rates for houses outside designated flood zones are inexpensive
- 30% or more of flood losses occur outside designated flood zones
- Homeowners insurance does not cover flood losses







# Preparing Your Home

- Strap or secure storage and accessory buildings
- Secure lawn furniture and loose items around the house
- Turn off breakers you don't need
  - Leave fridge and freezer on, don't need the TV and receptacle circuits
- Install opening protection panels over windows and doors
  - Windows and doors are part of the structural frame of the building
  - Prevent wind from entering the house

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# Storage Buildings



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# Lawn Furniture and Lawn Items



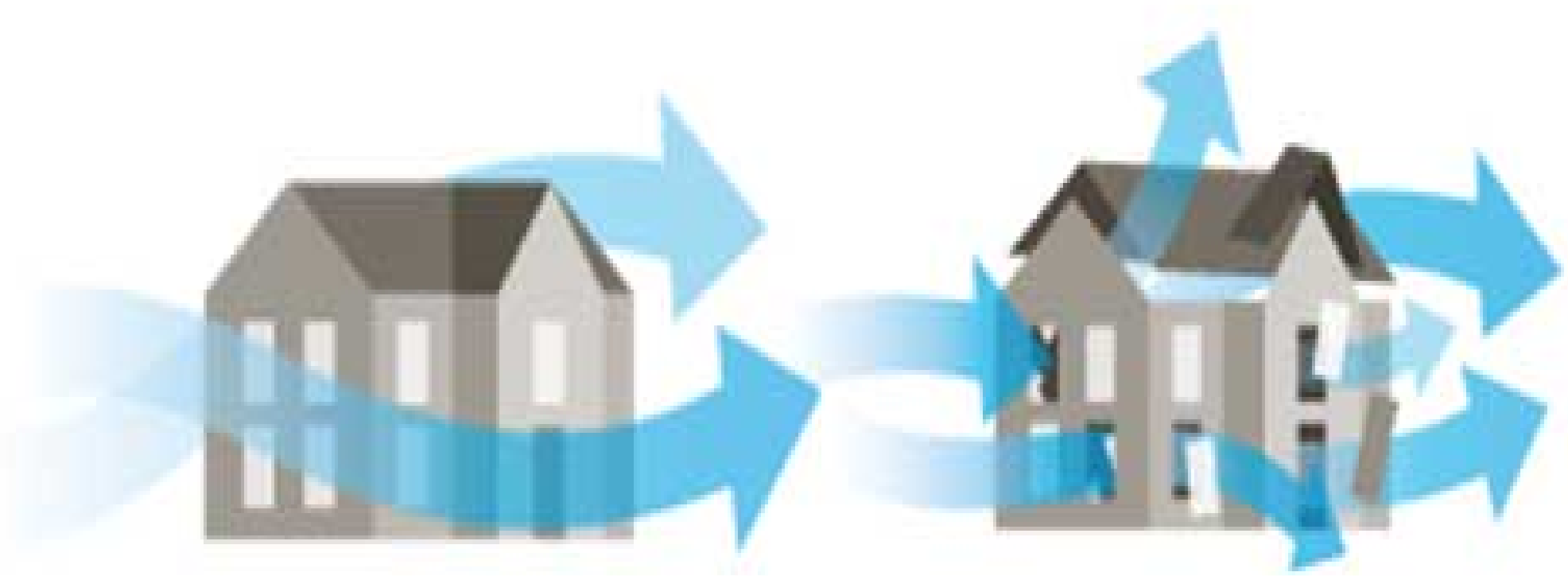


# Electrical Breakers





# Opening Protection





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# Dealing with Contractors

- **ALL contractors** must have a City of Fairhope Business license
- For commercial projects over \$50K in value, an Alabama State licensed General Contractor is required
- For residential projects over \$10K in value, an Alabama licensed Homebuilder is requires
  - State reclamation fund available for owners if a licensed Homebuilder works on a project
- **General Contractor license does not allow for residential work and homebuilders license does not allow for commercial work**



# Dealing with Contractors

- If contractors are unwilling or ask owner to obtain permits, **be wary**
- Require written contracts or estimates
- Check contractors information and references
  - If from out of state, check their state licensing boards
  - Better Business Bureau ([www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org))
  - Angie's List ([www.angieslist.com](http://www.angieslist.com))
- Require proof of liability insurance
- Ask about bonding
- Permits allow for project to be documented and inspected
  - Insurance companies ask for permit and inspection records
- Look for local contractors
- Watch for price gouging
  - Tree contractors (does not require state licensing)
  - Crane contractors (issues during Ivan recovery)







# Fortified Program

**Fortified<sup>®</sup> is a private program that requires 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspections for construction projects by Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS)**

- Provides **mandatory** wind insurance reductions for meeting approved standards
  - Bronze- roof only 20%-35%
  - Silver- roof, windows, and doors 35%-45%
  - Gold- entire structure 40%-50%

**“Don’t Goof When You Re-Roof” campaign**

**Smart Home America Contact:**

- Graham Green
  - (855) 742-7233
  - [www.smarthomeamerica.org](http://www.smarthomeamerica.org)





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# State Licensure Board Contacts

## Alabama Homebuilders Licensure Board

Toll Free: 800-304-0853

Office: 334-242-2230

Fax: 334-263-1397

[www.hblb.alabama.gov](http://www.hblb.alabama.gov)

## Alabama General Contractors Licensure Board

Telephone: 334-272-5030

Fax: 334-395-5336

[www.genconbd.alabama.gov](http://www.genconbd.alabama.gov)

## Alabama Board of Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Contractors

Toll Free: (866) 855-1912

Local: (334) 241-0840

Fax: (334) 265-0570

[www.hvac.alabama.gov](http://www.hvac.alabama.gov)

## Alabama Electrical Contractors Board

Office: 334-420-7232

Fax: 334-263-6115

[www.aecb.state.al.us](http://www.aecb.state.al.us)



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# Local Contacts

## City of Fairhope Building Department

(251) 990-0153 (inspection line)

[buildingpermits@cofairhope.com](mailto:buildingpermits@cofairhope.com)

<http://www.cofairhope.com/departments/building>

## Baldwin County Homebuilders Association

(251) 928-9927

[www.bchba.com](http://www.bchba.com)

## City of Fairhope- Public Utilities

(251) 928-8003

<http://www.cofairhope.com/departments/public-utilities>

## Baldwin EMC

(251) 989-6247 (outages)

[www.baldwinemc.com](http://www.baldwinemc.com)

## Riviera Utilities

Riviera Utilities Main Office Foley

251-943-5001

[www.rivierautilities.com](http://www.rivierautilities.com)



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Thank you for coming!

If you have any further questions email  
[townhall@cofairhope.com](mailto:townhall@cofairhope.com)