

Emergency Financial Readiness Plan

1. SAVE FOR EMERGENCIES

BE PREPARED

Disaster can strike at any time, so be ready for unexpected expenses by saving for emergencies throughout the year.



2. GET YOUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TOGETHER

SAVE TIME AND GET EVERYTHING TOGETHER NOW

Make evacuation less stressful and ensure you have everything you need by pulling your important documents together in a safe place now.

These documents include:

- *Identification (Birth certificate, social security card, passport)
- *Bank account information
- *Insurance paperwork
- *Copies of monthly bills (e.g. mortgage, phone, etc.)
- *Car title



3. KEEP CASH ONHAND

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

If the power goes out, stores and gas stations may still be open, but unable to accept credit cards, so keep cash in your wallet just in case. Using cash can also prevent possible fraud.



4. DOCUMENT YOUR BELONGINGS

PHOTOGRAPH YOUR FAVORITE THINGS

By taking photos of your belongings and applicable serial numbers, it will make them easier to report and replace if they get damaged.



5. DOWNLOAD APPS

GET APPS FOR ALL OF YOUR FINANCES AND BILLING ACCOUNTS

Stay on top of your financial activity and your bills by downloading the corresponding apps, like the [Keesler Federal Everywhere mobile app](#). This will make it easier to pay bills and monitor account activity.



KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE WHEN FRAUD IS HIGHEST

Protect yourself from disaster-related fraud, remember the following information:

- Monitor your accounts for unauthorized activity and notify your financial institution immediately if there's any suspicious charge. Download apps for all of your billing and financial accounts to make it easier to monitor activity.
- Federal workers do not solicit or accept money, so if in doubt, ask for an official, government-issued, laminated photo ID. A shirt or jacket with a government logo is not definite proof of identity.
- Safeguard your personal information, such as your Social Security number or bank account numbers, and be cautious about providing it to unknown individuals.
- Beware of people going door-to-door to damaged homes or contacting you and claiming to be building contractors. These individuals could be trying to scam you, especially if they ask for your financial information.



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