

# Five Easy Steps to Prepare for Disaster

Don't wait! Take these steps today to save you time, energy, and money after a disaster.

## 1 Make a plan.

- The Red Cross and [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) can help you plan.
- Find a few ways to leave your home in case roads are damaged.

## 2 Take pictures of your home and things you own.

- You may need to show what you lost.

## 3 Make sure you are listed on the title for your house, mobile home, and car.

## 4 Get insurance that will cover your losses.

- Renters can get insurance. It may cost less from your car insurance company.
- Look at the list of things you own to see how much insurance you need.

## 5 Keep your important papers in a safe place.

- A fireproof and waterproof bag or box is good.
- Take pictures or scan papers.
- Things to include:
  - passport
  - lease
  - mortgage papers
  - title to car, home, mobile home
  - driver's license
  - social security card
  - immigration documents
  - wills, trusts, power of attorney
  - insurance policies
  - birth certificates
  - custody orders
  - restraining orders
  - Individual Education Plan/504 Plan



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