



CONSUMER ALERT:

Plan Prepare Protect: Are You Disaster Ready?

With the arrival of the 2020 Hurricane Season, today I launched **Plan Prepare Protect: Are You Disaster Ready?** to urge and help you prepare for an imminent disaster. This season is predicted to be active, with as many as four to six major hurricanes; we've already seen two named storms this season. With the development of Tropical Storms Arthur and Bertha, 2020 is the 6th consecutive year that a storm has formed prior to the official start of hurricane season. I want to ensure that you are prepared and protected if and when a hurricane or other disaster impacts our state.



As your advocate, one of my priorities is to ensure you adequately plan; effectively prepare; and protect you and your family before, during and after a disaster. While still coping with the impact of COVID-19, you also have to prepare for a very different type of disaster. I am committed to helping you learn how to mitigate damages in hopes that the impact will be lessened, and the recovery is as smooth as possible.

As a part of the launch of Plan Prepare Protect: Are You Disaster Ready?, I have also conducted meetings with the top residential property insurance companies (by policy count) to discuss their Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Response Plans. I've provided feedback and guidance to companies to ensure that you can have confidence that, if a disaster occurs, your claims will be handled efficiently and timely.

Below are general disaster preparation tips.

For additional tips, resources and information on how to prepare for a disaster, visit www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/ICA/PlanPrepareProtect.

PLAN PREPARE PROTECT

Are You Disaster Ready?

PLAN

- Take time now to review your insurance policy and other applicable insurance resources.
- Research to learn more about the insurance professionals involved in the claims process, your hurricane deductible and your rights.

PREPARE

- Take these steps now to ensure you are prepared for a disaster later:
 - Inventory your home
 - Log important insurance contacts
 - Make improvements to your home to mitigate damage

PROTECT

- Take steps to protect your home from further damage following a storm and to secure it from theft or vandalism.
- Protect your personal information and finances against fraudsters and scammers looking to profit from a vulnerable situation.
- Protect your rights as an insurance consumer by ensuring you understand any documents you sign.

Let's stay connected.

Follow me on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#): @YourFLVoice

Feel free to send me an email with insurance questions or concerns:

YourFLVoice@MyFloridaCFO.com

www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/ICA

Tasha Carter

The Voice for Florida's Insurance Consumers

Office of the Insurance Consumer Advocate
Florida Department of Financial Services
200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399
YourFLVoice@MyFloridaCFO.com

CONSUMER ALERTS

SIGN UP. BE INFORMED.



Be the first to know about pertinent legislative actions, insurance frauds and scams, and consumer education events near you.

[Sign Up for ICA Consumer Alerts!](#)