

M - MEDICAL NEEDS

I - IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

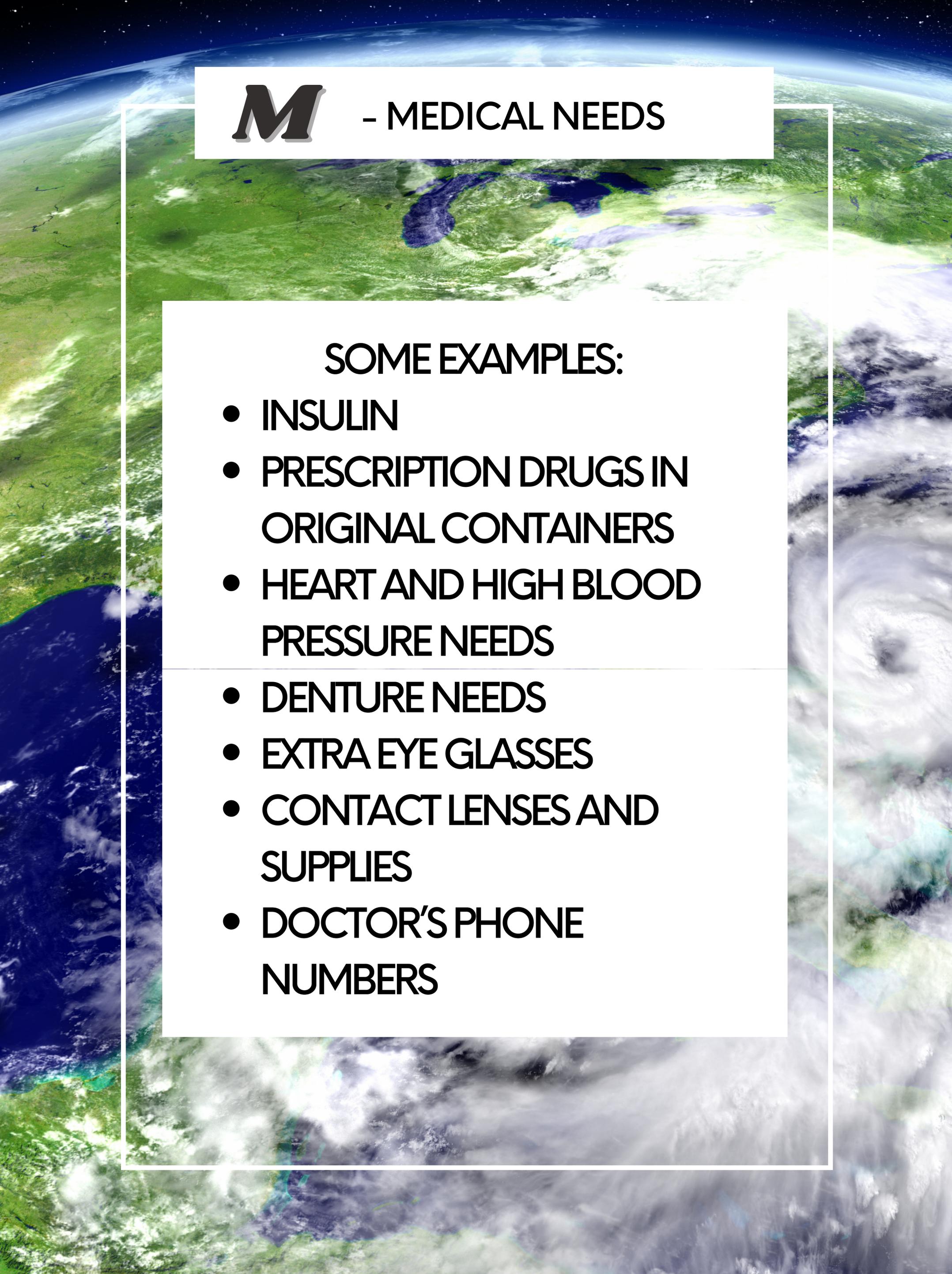
S - SECURE YOUR HOME

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A satellite view of Earth showing green landmasses, blue oceans, and white clouds. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the top left, containing the text 'M - MEDICAL NEEDS'. Another white rectangular box is overlaid on the center, containing a list of medical needs examples.

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- MEDICAL NEEDS

SOME EXAMPLES:

- **INSULIN**
- **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS**
- **HEART AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE NEEDS**
- **DENTURE NEEDS**
- **EXTRA EYE GLASSES**
- **CONTACT LENSES AND SUPPLIES**
- **DOCTOR'S PHONE NUMBERS**

A satellite view of Earth showing a large hurricane over the ocean. The landmasses are green and brown, and the ocean is blue. The hurricane is a large, swirling white cloud system with a dark eye.

I - IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- **INSURANCE DOCUMENTS**
*IF YOU DON'T HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE, IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED. IT TAKES 30 DAYS TO GO INTO EFFECT.
- **FAMILY RECORDS (BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH CERTIFICATES)**
- **BANK/CREDIT CARD INFO**
- **PASSPORTS, SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS, IMMUNIZATION RECORDS**
- **CURRENT UTILITY BILLS**
- **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**



- SECURE YOUR HOME

- INSTALL COMMERCIAL SHUTTERS OR PREPARE 5/8 INCH PLYWOOD PANELS FOR YOUR WINDOWS.
- REINFORCE GARAGE DOORS SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND HIGH WINDS. GARAGE DOORS ARE FREQUENTLY THE FIRST FEATURE IN A HOME TO FAIL
- TRIM ALL DEAD WOOD, WEAK, AND OVERHANGING BRANCHES FROM TREES AS THEY COULD DAMAGE YOUR OR YOUR NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- MOVE OUTSIDE ITEMS TO SAFETY, SUCH AS PATIO FURNITURE, PLANTS, AND GRILLS.
- PUT VALUABLE DOCUMENTS IN WATERPROOF CONTAINERS AND TAKE THEM WITH YOU WHEN YOU EVACUATE.
- TURN OFF ELECTRICITY AT THE MAIN CIRCUIT BREAKER OR FUSE BOX.
- TURN OFF GAS AT THE APPLIANCES.
- REMOVE PERISHABLE ITEMS FROM YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER.
- MAKE A FINAL WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION BEFORE CLOSING THE DOOR.
- CLOSE ALL INTERIOR DOORS IN YOUR HOME.



- STAY INFORMED

KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE

- YOU MAY HAVE TO EVACUATE QUICKLY DUE TO A HURRICANE IF YOU LIVE IN AN EVACUATION ZONE. LEARN YOUR EVACUATION ROUTES, PRACTICE WITH HOUSEHOLD, PETS, AND IDENTIFY WHERE YOU WILL STAY.
- FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS, WHO WORK CLOSELY WITH STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL AGENCIES AND PARTNERS. THEY WILL PROVIDE THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE THREAT TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND APPROPRIATE SAFETY MEASURES.

RECOGNIZE WARNINGS AND ALERTS

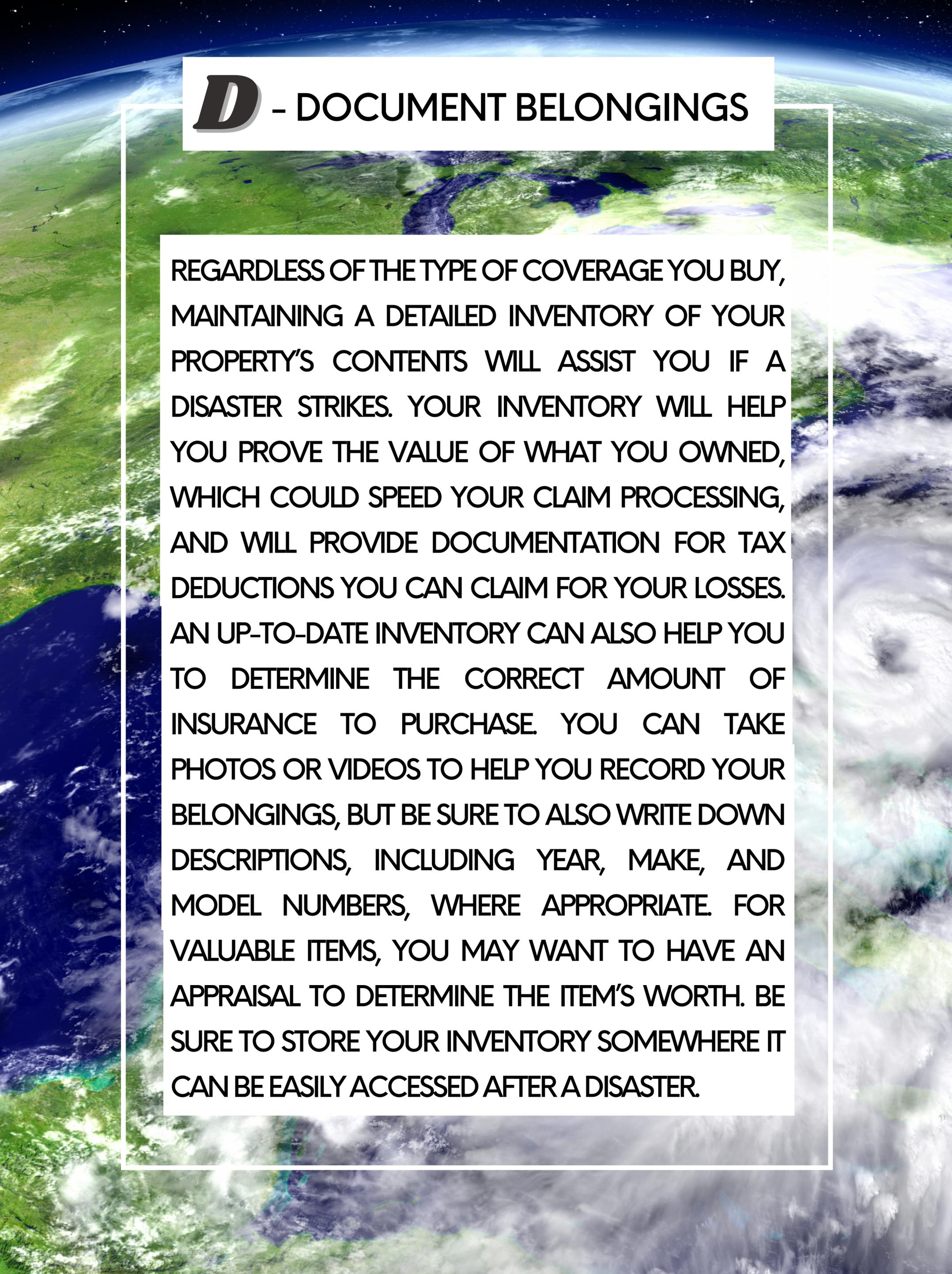
- HAVE SEVERAL WAYS TO RECEIVE ALERTS. DOWNLOAD BRAZORIA COUNTY'S APP "BRAZORIA READY" PLUS DOWNLOAD THE FEMA APP AND RECEIVE REAL-TIME ALERTS FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FOR UP TO FIVE LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE. SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ALERTS IN YOUR AREA AND BE AWARE OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) AND WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERT (WEA)- WHICH REQUIRES NO-SIGN UP.

A satellite view of Earth showing green continents and blue oceans with white clouds. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the top left, containing the title. Another white rectangular box is overlaid on the center, containing a list of emergency supplies.

E - EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

SOME EXAMPLES:

- WATER (ONE GALLON PER PERSON PER DAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS, FOR DRINKING AND SANITATION)
- FOOD (AT LEAST A THREE-DAY SUPPLY OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD)
- BATTERY-POWERED OR HAND CRANK RADIO AND A NOAA WEATHER RADIO WITH TONE ALERT
- FLASHLIGHT
- FIRST AID KIT
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- WHISTLE (TO SIGNAL FOR HELP)
- DUST MASK (TO HELP FILTER CONTAMINATED AIR)
- PLASTIC SHEETING AND DUCT TAPE (TO SHELTER IN PLACE)
- MOIST TOWELETES, GARBAGE BAGS AND PLASTIC TIES (FOR PERSONAL SANITATION)
- WRENCH OR PLIERS (TO TURN OFF UTILITIES)
- MANUAL CAN OPENER (FOR FOOD)
- LOCAL MAPS
- CELL PHONE WITH CHARGERS AND A BACKUP BATTERY
- INFANT FORMULA, BOTTLES, DIAPERS, WIPES AND DIAPER RASH CREAM
- PET FOOD AND EXTRA WATER FOR YOUR PET
- CASH OR TRAVELER'S CHECKS
- SLEEPING BAG OR WARM BLANKET FOR EACH PERSON
- COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHING APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CLIMATE AND STURDY SHOES
- MATCHES IN A WATERPROOF CONTAINER
- FEMININE SUPPLIES AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- MESS KITS, PAPER CUPS, PLATES, PAPER TOWELS AND PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PAPER AND PENCIL
- BOOKS, GAMES, PUZZLES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

A satellite view of Earth showing green continents and blue oceans, with a white text box overlaying the top portion. The text box contains the title 'D - DOCUMENT BELONGINGS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

D - DOCUMENT BELONGINGS

REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF COVERAGE YOU BUY, MAINTAINING A DETAILED INVENTORY OF YOUR PROPERTY'S CONTENTS WILL ASSIST YOU IF A DISASTER STRIKES. YOUR INVENTORY WILL HELP YOU PROVE THE VALUE OF WHAT YOU OWNED, WHICH COULD SPEED YOUR CLAIM PROCESSING, AND WILL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS YOU CAN CLAIM FOR YOUR LOSSES. AN UP-TO-DATE INVENTORY CAN ALSO HELP YOU TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF INSURANCE TO PURCHASE. YOU CAN TAKE PHOTOS OR VIDEOS TO HELP YOU RECORD YOUR BELONGINGS, BUT BE SURE TO ALSO WRITE DOWN DESCRIPTIONS, INCLUDING YEAR, MAKE, AND MODEL NUMBERS, WHERE APPROPRIATE. FOR VALUABLE ITEMS, YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE AN APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE THE ITEM'S WORTH. BE SURE TO STORE YOUR INVENTORY SOMEWHERE IT CAN BE EASILY ACCESSED AFTER A DISASTER.