

# GALVESTON COUNTY DISASTER GUIDE



Kids

On your  
mark, get set,  
get ready!

PREPAREDNESS SAVES LIVES

MAKE A PLAN

BUILD A KIT

STAY INFORMED



GULFY THE  
SHRIMP

# MAKE A PLAN

Does your family have a plan for?

- House fire
- Power outage
- Severe weather
- Flooding
- Hurricanes
- Winter weather
- Chemical emergency



Make plans with your family for all kinds of disasters and emergencies

What phone numbers will you call if you get separated from your family?

\_\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_\_ \_  
(Someone close by)

\_\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_\_ \_  
(Someone far away)

Circle what you will take when you evacuate



# If it's not safe to stay at home, where will you go?

Help Gulfy draw a plan to evacuate



# BUILD A KIT!



Draw or write things your household will need in an emergency or disaster.

## Things to Eat & Drink

Choose enough food and water to last your family a week. Store things that don't need to go in the refrigerator.

## Things to Stay Safe

Pick what you can use to see in the dark, fix broken things, and put out fires. Be sure to pack a first aid kit and medicines.

## Things to Stay Comfy

Include what you need to wear, clean your body and things you like to sleep with.

## Things for Babies & Pets

Don't forget to pack things for those in your home who need extra care.

## Things to Stay Informed

Put mobile devices, chargers, and a radio in your kit. Write down important numbers you may need.



# How much water will my family need?

Each person in your household will need at least one gallon of water each day. Each pet needs about one ounce of water for each pound they weigh, every day.

## How much water will we need in a week?

Number of people in my family: \_\_\_\_\_ X 1 gallon X 7 days = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

All together, my pets weigh: \_\_\_\_\_ pounds X 1 ounce X 7 days = \_\_\_\_\_ ounces



Total Water Needed:

## Get Ready for All Kinds of Weather!

Match the weather riddle to the correct answer below.

What's a tornado's favorite game?

What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

What goes up when the rain comes down?

What did one hurricane say to the other hurricane?

What did one lightning bolt say to the other lightning bolt?

You might step in a poodle!

I've got my eye on you!

You're shocking!

An umbrella!

Twister!

# STAY INFORMED



**Galveston County has the only emergency management office in America that is located with the National Weather Service. When your family needs to know what is going on, you can use this code to access our real time weather map from our friends at the National Weather Service.**

**Scan this code for accurate information:**



## Find the Hidden Weather Words

S	O	V	E	R	C	A	S	T	H	U	F	I	S	R
N	W	D	P	A	O	Y	B	R	A	K	O	B	L	A
O	H	I	L	I	G	H	T	N	I	N	G	F	E	I
W	U	R	D	N	S	Y	M	K	J	M	P	B	T	N
J	A	C	R	B	M	F	Y	V	D	F	O	R	E	K
Y	B	T	D	O	R	I	L	H	A	I	L	E	V	M
E	F	H	E	W	I	E	V	O	V	E	R	E	C	I
R	S	U	M	R	A	C	S	T	O	R	M	Z	L	W
W	I	N	D	K	S	L	E	F	Q	D	A	E	O	Q
U	B	D	W	S	E	P	Y	R	I	N	E	Z	U	V
S	B	E	Z	E	D	T	O	R	N	A	D	O	D	Z
X	A	R	Y	R	E	M	H	U	M	I	D	I	T	Y
H	U	R	R	I	C	A	N	E	T	L	R	V	P	X
G	E	B	P	C	S	L	E	E	T	F	Q	X	O	B
T	E	M	P	E	R	A	T	U	R	E	I	C	M	S

	BREEZE
	CLOUD
	FLOOD
	FOG
	HAIL
	HUMIDITY
	HURRICANE
	ICE
	LIGHTNING
	OVERCAST
	RAIN
	RAINBOW
	SLEET
	SNOW
	STORM
	TEMPERATURE
	THUNDER
	TORNADO
	WATERSPOUT
	WIND

# Hurricane Hunters



**NOAA Flight Director  
Nikki Hathaway**

**Hurricane hunters fly into tropical weather to see how strong and fast the storms are. Two hurricane hunters have worked and lived in Galveston County.**



**Lt. Amaryllis Cotto  
US Air Force Reserves**



## Help Gulfy Be a Hurricane Hunter



**1**

Fold the paper in half lengthwise and then open it back up

**2**

Fold inward along the dotted lines

**3**

Fold inward along the dotted lines

**4**

The paper airplane should look like this at this stage

**5**

Fold outward along the dotted line

**6**

Fold inward along the dotted line

**7**

The paper airplane should look like this at this stage

**8**

Unfold the paper airplane a little so that it floats when thrown

# SUMMER SAFETY

Check your favorite ways to stay cool in the summer



Wear a life jacket on boats and docks



Swim with a buddy and wear sun screen



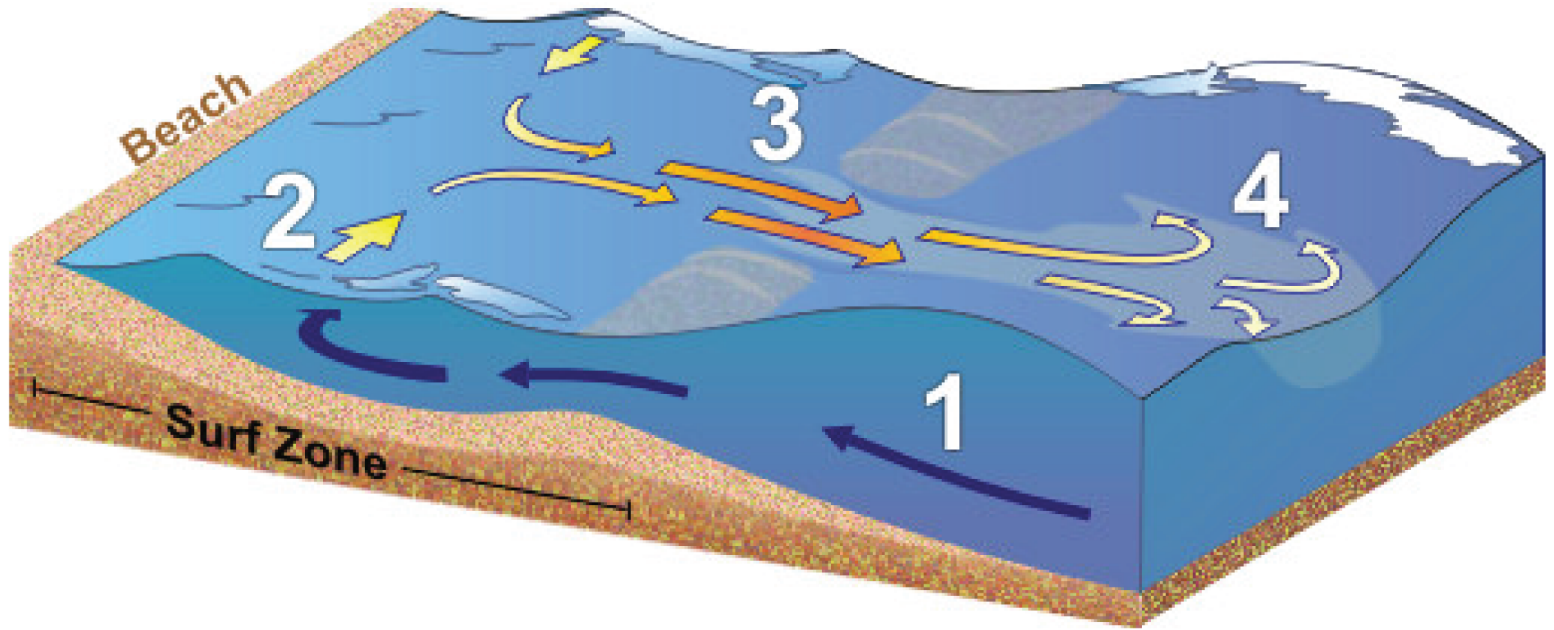
Never play in hot cars

- Popcicles
- Swimming
- Fans & AC
- Sprinklers
- Water Park
- Beach
- Ice Cream
- Shade



# What is a Rip Current?

A rip current is formed when incoming waves build a sandbar close to shore (#1). When too much water gets pushed over the sandbar (#2), a part of the sandbar may break and a river of water rushes back out to sea (#3). Once the rip current gets past the sandbar, it usually weakens. (#4)



## Escaping a Rip Current



**Raise hands  
& call for  
help**



**Relax &  
float until  
current  
weakens**



**Swim to the  
side, out of  
the current**

# SHELTER IN PLACE

Sometimes, when there is an accident or a fire, chemicals that are usually safe may become hazardous to people and pets. If this happens, you may be told to **“Shelter in Place.”**



**Get inside fast**

**Close windows & doors**

**Turn off air conditioner**

**Charge mobile devices**

**Stay tuned**

**Bring pets indoors**



**Wally helps us  
get ready for chemical  
emergencies. Can you draw  
Wally's other side?**





Hurricanes can turn things topsy turvy. Help our neighbors recover and draw the house and boat in the right places.

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