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PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON BY PACKING A “GO BAG”

JACKSON, Miss. —May 5-11, 2024 is Hurricane Preparedness Week in Mississippi. The Mississippi Insurance Department (MID) hopes that Mississippians will create a home inventory and pack a “Go Bag” so they are prepared in the event of a disaster.

A “Go Bag” should include:

- Important documents like insurance cards and Social Security cards. Keep copies of these documents in a waterproof container or digital image saved online.
- A printed or digital copy of your home inventory.
- Cash
- Medications
- A battery-powered radio
- A gallon of drinking water for every family member and pet

Creating a home inventory makes it easier to file a claim in the event of a disaster. A free tool is the NAIC Home Inventory App. It can be downloaded from the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

“Don't forget to review your insurance coverage and make sure you are familiar with your policies,” said Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney. “Some insurance policies have a special deductible for losses caused by named storms. The insurer applies this deductible only when a named storm causes damage. This deductible is separate and different from the normal deductible in a homeowners policy.”

If you need assistance with an insurance question or claim, call 1-800-562-2957, email consumer@mid.ms.gov or visit www.mid.ms.gov

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