

## Emergency Preparedness

We continually work to enhance our safety practices and communications during an emergency. In the event we experience an emergency, both clients and firm personnel can visit this page for office status and other related communications from Andrews Kurth management.

The Andrews Kurth Emergency Response Team reminds everyone that the 2011 hurricane season began on June 1, 2011—and the National Hurricane Center is anticipating a “busy” season this year. While we are making our typical preparations across the Firm (checking for government updates, restocking emergency supplies, testing backup systems, etc.), we encourage you to review your preparedness at home and for your family.

Even if you have done this annually and feel you are prepared, be sure to check your home supplies for:

- Water—at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food—at least enough for 3 to 7 days
  - non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
  - foods for infants or the elderly
  - non-electric can opener
  - cooking tools/fuel
  - paper plates/plastic utensils
- Blankets/Pillows, etc.
- Clothing—seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit/Medicines/Prescription Drugs
- Special Items—for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries/Hygiene items/Moisture wipes
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Radio—Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones—Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards—Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Important documents—in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag: insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
  - proper identification / immunization records / medications
  - ample supply of food and water
  - a carrier or cage
  - muzzle and leash
- If you have a handheld device, power chargers for both home and car use
- Mosquito repellent and citronella candles
- Coolers—one for food, another for ice

Once you have your home and family plan in place and up-to-date, it's wise to create an evacuation plan (including a destination, if needed).

The Texas Department of Transportation has brochures describing each hurricane evacuation route for this area (I-10, I-45, US-59, and US-290). Information is available on their website.

The Firm's Response Team will continue monitoring and communicating on storms or other possible disruptions. While we hope to avoid any disruption or loss, we urge all of us to take the necessary preparations should an event occur. Thank you for being prepared, stay safe!

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Should you have any questions regarding the firm's emergency preparedness plan, please contact Bill Livesay.