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VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Urges Floridians to be Ready to Weather Any Storm During National Preparedness Month



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—In recognition of National Preparedness Month and with storms brewing in the Atlantic Ocean, Attorney General Ashley Moody is encouraging all Floridians to take proactive steps to be ready for potential storm strikes. September is also the peak of hurricane season, and it is important that Floridians review emergency plans, gather essential supplies and stay informed about possible threats.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “It is National Preparedness Month, and we are in the peak of hurricane season. With multiple tropical disturbances currently being tracked in the Atlantic, it is crucial for every Floridian to assess emergency plans, update disaster kits and remain alert.”

Attorney General Moody is issuing the following tips during National Preparedness Month:

- **Create an Emergency Plan:** Develop a family communication plan and decide on a safe meeting place. Ensure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency;
- **Build a Disaster Supply Kit:** Include essentials such as water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, charged batteries and important documents;

- **Stay Informed:** Monitor local news and weather updates. Follow the Florida Division of Emergency Management's X account, @FLSERT, for live updates on weather emergencies;
- **Prepare Homes and Businesses:** Secure outdoor items, review insurance policies and consider the installation of storm shutters or impact-resistant windows; and
- **Understand Evacuation Routes:** Be familiar with local evacuation routes and shelters, and have local emergency numbers handy.

For additional tips and supply lists, check out Attorney General Moody's 2024 Hurricane Preparedness Guide [here](#).

After a storm, recovery can be a grueling process that scammers may attempt to exploit. Attorney General Moody's *Scams at a Glance: After the Storm* resource has information to avoid falling victim. To access the resource, click [here](#).

During a declared state of emergency, Florida's price gouging law goes into effect. Price gouging is when essential commodities are sold during a state of emergency for an amount that grossly exceeds the average price for that commodity prior to the emergency event. For more information about price gouging, click [here](#).

To report potential price gouging during a declared state of emergency, use the No Scam app, call 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com).

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