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This pamphlet is an important part
of your emergency preparedness plan

How To Protect and Save Valuable Possessions In Your Home From A Hurricane

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***This specialized info is niche
emergency preparedness/disaster
planning info for protecting and
saving valuable personal items is
the only expertise available to you!***

**Know what valuable items
are in your home. What if these
items were badly damaged
or lost in a disaster?:**

- financially valuable collections,
- historically valuable memorabilia,
- emotionally important keepsakes,
- intellectual property,
- things that represent your family's history, photography
- important gifts,
- important documents (legal?),
- certificate, diplomas, awards,
- prescriptions and medical info
- appraisals, bank records

**How would your family be affected
after a disaster if you lost these
items?**



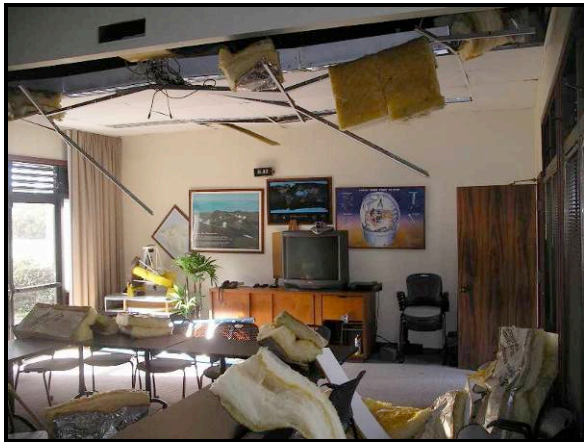
**Four Things, in Short,
To Do To Prepare:**

1. "Shake Proof" your office
2. Know ahead of time what is important to "grab 'n go"?
3. Make copies of important items and keep them in another location.
4. Upgrade your storage of important items.



While the situation is grim, this prepared fellow saved his important documents by having them stored for easy transport. *These important documents would have been lost if they had been stored in a cardboard box!.. and THAT would have been a disaster.* What kind of documents, certificates, legal papers, prescriptions do you need to preserve and save in order to bounce back from a disaster?

Framed art and certificates, awards and collectibles, figurines and client's gifts, photos and books... what can you do to protect yourself and your items? This pamphlet provides easy to follow steps to give you peace of mind and save important, treasured and valuable personal items in the office and at home.



Humans are hard wired with these two primeval instincts: One, to save, gather and collect “stuff” you relate to and that documents your life and memories. Two, the fear of losing that valuable/meaningful stuff.

So, when the Weather Channel starts to warn you that something's coming your way, primeval instincts kick in.

Then “it” hits. **The National Hurricane Center's** website says, “... a lack of... awareness and prep. are common... among all major... disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.”

The goal of this pamphlet is to provide knowledge which can be used to take **ACTION**. This information can be used to save precious, valuable and essential items for your family.

After everyone is safe and accounted for, the biggest reason people mourn after a disaster is for family photos, memorabilia, important papers. Its not **ONLY** emotional... it can be financially devastating too.

Here are 5 tips Haskins says will give your stuff a better chance of surviving. ***This niche information is an essential element of your family's disaster plan.***

1. Make copies of important documents and photos and keep them someplace else (out of the area). Electronic copies are not archival and need to be

reformatted every so many years.

2. Think for a moment about where you will store important, irreplaceable items! Avoid areas that get too hot or are at risk by high humidity. What is you have high water?!
3. Archival “page protectors” can be found at an office supply store. They won't say “archival” on the packaging, but the plastic they all use these days is all good. Important photos, documents, certificates etc can be placed in a binder for your grab ‘n go items.
4. An anchor wax is a great product for holding down items when the office starts to shake.
5. Don't put things in a cardboard box on the floor of the garage! Use a Tupperware like container. The plastic is archival. Keep it up off the floor.

Tips and suggestions were taken from national best seller, “How To Save Your Stuff From A Disaster.”

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