

SAFE ROOM PLANNING

What you need to know:

◆ What is a Safe Room?

A room in a home or business that can provide optional emergency refuge during a tropical storm, hurricane, or other hazard.

◆ Should I consider having a safe room?

Yes. You should consider having a safe room if you are outside a hurricane/tsunami evacuation zone or flood prone area.

There are many emergency shelters on Oahu, but they can be hot and crowded, making them uncomfortable for senior citizens and those with disabilities. Also you must bring all of your own emergency supplies. This can be difficult for large families, and families with pets.

No. You should not consider having a safe room if you are in a hurricane/tsunami evacuation zone, a flood prone area, or if your home was built before 1995.

Check tsunami evacuation zone maps in the local telephone directory, or visit www.honolulu.gov/dem and enter your address in the tsunami map viewer box.

Consider going to a designated shelter when instructed by local emergency officials.

Best Safe Room Locations

**Department of
Emergency Management
City and County of Honolulu**

650 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 723-8960
www.honolulu.gov/dem
dem@honolulu.gov

Prepare your safe room:

- ◆ Select the best interior location for a safe room such as a bathroom with no windows or a walk in closet. It should be near the center of the structure and have no exterior walls.
- ◆ If an interior location is not available, select a space such as a bathroom with small windows or a hallway. In multi story structures, a location near a stairway may be good.
- ◆ Put as much protection as possible between the safe room and the hazards outside.
- ◆ The safe room should have enough space for all family members, pets, emergency supplies, and bedding.
- ◆ Strengthen your safe room by reinforcing the doors, walls and ceilings.
- ◆ Learn more about safe rooms at the FEMA website: www.Ready.gov
- ◆ Use **HNL Info** to stay informed about emergencies, weather advisories, traffic bulletins, and much more via SMS or Email.

PLAN AND PREPARE NOW FOR THE NEXT DISASTER

Make Your 14-Day Disaster Supply Kit (minimum of 14 days for each person)

- Water** One gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation.
- Food** Non-perishable food that does not require cooking. Survival foods such as peanut butter, protein shakes, dried fruits, & nuts. Infant Formula & food for special needs.
- Utensils** Plates, utensils and a manual can opener.
- Radio** Battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA Weather alert.
- Flashlight** with extra batteries.
- Cell phone** and solar charger.
- Whistle** Important for signaling for help. A whistle carries much farther than the human voice and uses less energy than yelling.

- Dust mask**
Helps to filter contaminated air.



LEARN

Educate yourself on disasters that can affect you and your family.

PLAN

Create and practice a family disaster plan. Designate a secondary meeting place and an off-island contact.

Individual, Family and Business Disaster Planning

Disaster planning is everyone's responsibility. Carefully review this information and take the time today to discuss & plan preparedness strategies with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.



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- Sanitation** Moist towelettes, heavy-duty garbage bags with ties, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, baking soda/kitty litter to absorb odors, and gloves for personal sanitation.
- Tools** Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, basic tool kit, duct tape.
- Important documents and cash** Carry vital papers in a waterproof container.
- Maps** Local area maps.
- Medical** Prescription medications, glasses/contact lenses, medical devices, and a first aid kit.
- Pets** Pet food and extra water.
- Hygiene** Feminine products, personal hygiene items, diapers, incontinence supplies.
- Pictures** Carry a photograph of you, your family & friends to help locate each other if you are separated.
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