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South Mississippi: Prepare now for tropical weather, flash flooding

JACKSON, Miss. — As Tropical Storm Bertha brings possible storm surge and flash flooding to parts of the Mississippi Coast, those in South Mississippi are urged to prepare now. Review your insurance coverage and make sure you are familiar with your policies. Flood insurance takes 30 days to go into effect after it's bought.

Creating a home inventory makes it easier to file a claim after a disaster. A free tool is the NAIC Home Inventory App. It can be downloaded from the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). You can also take photos and videos of your property and items inside your home to make filing a claim faster.

Pack a "Go Bag" that includes:

- 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

If you need assistance with an insurance question or claim, call 601-359-3569 or email consumer@mid.ms.gov

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