PNC Bank Offers Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Beyond personal safety, prepare and protect your finances in the event of an emergency

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 5, 2016 – During hurricane season, PNC Bank, N.A., encourages its customers to develop a disaster preparedness plan. The safety and security of you and your family should be your primary goal, but it is also important to educate yourself about the tools and services your bank offers in the event of a natural disaster.

To better prepare, PNC suggests the following:

1. **Personal Safety is Paramount**: Adhere to guidance associated with weather watches, warnings and the advice of authorities. And, create a thorough emergency plan including emergency supplies, evacuation routes, communications plans, personal property preparations and more. Municipal agencies can provide guidance to create and follow a comprehensive personal disaster preparedness plan.
2. **Cash on Hand**: In case power goes out and ATMs are not working, be sure to have some cash available in addition to debit and credit cards as well as personal checks.
3. **Consider a Reloadable Debit Card**: Augment your cash with a prepaid reloadable debit card for safe, convenient access to your money. You can use the card to make purchases, pay bills and even get additional cash at the ATM.
4. **Register for Mobile Banking**: When the power goes out, your smartphone or table can be used for banking as well as communicating. You can uses these devices to access your account, monitor transactions and pay bills.
5. **Fill Your Gas Tank**: Given the possibility of long lines at the pump after a disaster, filling your tank in advance is a good idea. That full tank can also come in handy in case of a power outage where your car may be the only way to charge a smartphone or laptop, allowing you to access mobile banking and other online services.
6. **Scan and Store Important Documents in a Safe Place**: Make duplicates of all your important documents. Back up your electronic files and keep personal documents, i.e., identification and insurance policies, in a safe place separate from your home. Consider using water-proof and portable containers.
7. **Stay Connected To PNC:** Customers can view important PNC information related to this weather event at the Update Center (www.pnc.com/updatecenter). Customer Service consultants are available Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, or Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at 1-888-PNC-BANK (1-888-762-2265). Facebook and Twitter also serve as real-time communication tools in the event of a natural disaster. PNC customers with questions can use @PNCBank_Help or www.facebook.com/PNCBank.

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