



Reminder: Season starts June 1st!
Be prepared.



HURRICANE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND MEASURES, AS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND CIVIL DEFENSE, WILL BE HELPFUL WHEN WARNINGS OF AN APPROACHING HURRICANE ARE RECEIVED.

Prior to a storm:

- Learn safe routes inland, if you live near water. Also learn where shelters are located.
- Make sure flashlights and/or other emergency lights are working. Have extra batteries on hand.
- Have non-perishable food and ample drinking water on hand (and a manual can opener).
- Make arrangements for safety of pets. Have plenty of pet food and water on hand. Have their inoculations up to date.
- Be sure to have a full tank of gas in your vehicle. If electric power is *off*, filling stations may be inoperable for several days.
- If emergency cooking facilities are necessary, be sure that they are in working order.
- Check prescription drug supply.
- Turn refrigerator/freezer to the *coldest setting* to preserve food as long as possible in case of a power outage.
- Have an extra supply of cash; power outages would render ATMs unusable.
- Listen to radio, TV or weather radio for bulletins on the storm's progress.
- ***Pay no attention to rumors!***
- Be alert for high water in any areas, which may flood after heavy rains. Hurricanes are almost always accompanied by torrential rains.

- Evacuate low-lying beaches or other locations, which may be swept by high tides or storm waves. If passage to high ground is over a road that is likely to be under water, ***leave early!*** Don't run the risk of being trapped.
- Bring inside lawn furniture and other loose objects, including garbage cans, which can become weapons of destruction in hurricane winds.
- Prepare to cover all windows and door openings with shutters or other materials. Tape each window diagonally from corner to corner, and then in a checkerboard pattern. **Stay indoors away from windows!**

During the storm:

- If the center or "eye" of the storm passes directly over, there will be a lull in the wind, lasting from a few minutes to half an hour or more. Stay in a safe place. Make emergency repairs during the lull, if necessary, but remember the wind will return suddenly from the opposite direction, frequently with ***greater violence.***

What to bring to an emergency shelter:

- First aid kit, medicine, baby food and diapers (if needed), cards, games, books, toiletries, battery-operated radio, flashlight, batteries, blankets or sleeping bags, identification, valuable papers (insurance documents for example) and cash.
- **Public shelters do not allow pets.**