



Reminder: Season starts June 1<sup>st</sup>!  
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.***