



HURRICANE AWARENESS TIMELINE

IN PREPARATION FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON, THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVES ARE SUGGESTED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ANTICIPATION OF A HURRICANE MAKING LANDFALL.

72 HOURS PRIOR TO IMPACT:

- Listen to the radio or television for current news/ weather updates
- Make plans to secure your living quarters (i.e. purchase and install storm shutters or plywood for windows)
- Make plans to secure/store any recreational equipment (i.e. boats, RV's, four wheelers, etc.)
- Inspect your emergency preparedness kit to make sure all of your items are up to date. For information on the 10 essential items you need in your kit, visit www.adph.org/get10
- Plan how you will care for your pets if needed in case of evacuation
- Create an evacuation plan with family members detailing a meeting location and how to contact one another in case of separation
- Discuss plans for safety if unable to evacuate (i.e. designate a safe place inside home to reside in)

48 HOURS PRIOR TO IMPACT:

- Listen to the radio or television for current news/ weather updates
- Secure your home, close storm shutters, and secure or bring in any outdoor objects (i.e. plants, lawn equipment, furnishings, etc.)
- Keep vehicles full of gas in case of evacuation

Evacuate when directed by local authorities, or if living in a mobile home, on a flood plain, in a high rise, or near an inland water way

- If evacuated, follow all directives by your local authorities
- Initiate your evacuation contact list

- Make sure to bring your emergency preparedness kit
- Have some cash on hand for food and other essential needs

If unable to evacuate:

- Secure and brace all exterior windows and doors
- Ensure that your emergency preparedness kit is easily accessible
- Initiate an alternate form of communication, use telephones only in case of emergencies

24 HOURS PRIOR TO IMPACT:

- Listen to local news/ radio updates via battery operated weather radio
- Fill bath tubs and large containers with water to ensure that you have an abundant supply of clean water available for drinking, bathing, flushing toilets, etc.
- Turn off all utilities if directed by authorities
- Turn refrigerator and/or freezer onto its highest setting and leave the doors closed and secured
- Ensure essential items are available
- Move to the lowest level of the structure or to an interior room
- If possible have a second cell phone battery available and fully charged

POST LANDFALL:

- Ensure your safety and follow your evacuation plan to locate separated family members, or use the National Emergency Family Registry & Locator System (NEFRLS) www.fema.gov or the American Red Cross www.redcross.org

- Secure food and water
- Find a place to stay
- Return home safely once advised to do so, and while traveling be watchful of any downed power lines, standing water, weak structures, and displaced pets and wild life
- Before entering your home, check outside for any downed power lines, gas leaks, and structural damage
- When entering your home, be careful of shifted furniture/appliances, roof or foundation damage, broken or frayed wires, and any standing water that could contain raw sewage
- When opening doors or cabinets, be careful of any items that can fall
- During cleanup, throw away any contaminated food or clothing and disinfect/ clean any items that can be salvaged

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For additional information,
contact www.adph.org/cep

WEBSITES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- www.ready.gov
- www.floodsmart.gov
- www.citizencorps.gov
- <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes>
- www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane
- <http://disastersafe.redcross.org>
- www.redcross.org