

HURRICANE SEASON (JUNE 1-NOVEMBER 30)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONSIDERATIONS FOR HURRICANES



PREPARE

- ❖ Get a kit of emergency supplies and prepare a portable Ready kit in case you have to evacuate.
- ❖ Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane. A **hurricane watch** means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate. A **hurricane warning** means a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.
- ❖ Prepare to secure your property.
- ❖ Cover all of your home's windows with pre-cut ply wood or hurricane shutters to protect your windows from high winds.
- ❖ Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- ❖ Keep all trees and shrubs well-trimmed.
- ❖ If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.



PLAN

- ❖ Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- ❖ Information on Georgia evacuation routes may be found at Georgia Navigator. Download the Georgia Department of Transportation's Hurricane Season Safety Information brochure and print a copy for your evacuation Ready kit. Use it as a reference for traffic procedures and information in the event of an evacuation.
- ❖ Identify several places you could go in an emergency: a friend's home in another town or a motel. For more information about public shelters in your community, contact your local emergency management agency.
- ❖ Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- ❖ If you are not able to evacuate, stay indoors away from all windows. Take shelter in an interior room with no windows if possible. Stay in your shelter until local authorities say it is safe.

STAY INFORMED

- ❖ Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do.
- ❖ Stay out of flood waters, if possible. The water may be contaminated or electrically charged.
- ❖ Be alert for tornadoes and flooding. Stay away from downed power lines to avoid the risk of electric shock or electrocution.



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ❖ Identify your Resources-Make a list of family, friends, co-workers, personal attendants, service providers, and others who can be part of your plan. Include people both in and outside of your immediate neighborhood or community, like a relative in another state. Talk to these people and ask them to be part of your support network.
- ❖ If you use telecommunications relay services, look into back-up options in case relay services fail: dialing 711 (nationwide), CapTel (captioned telephone), Internet-based relay (through computer, text pager, PDA, etc.), and video relay services (through broadband).
- ❖ Do you depend on accessible transportation to get to work or to other places in your community?
- ❖ Do you receive medical treatments (e.g. dialysis) on a regular basis?
- ❖ Do you need assistance with personal care?
- ❖ Do you rely on electrical equipment or other durable equipment?
- ❖ Do you use mobility aids such as a walker, cane, or a wheelchair?
- ❖ Do you have a service animal?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, go to: www.ready.gov or www.nod.org for more information.

WEB RESOURCES

- www.gema.ga.gov
- www.fema.ga.gov
- www.gachi.org
- <http://ada.georgia.gov>
- www.garrsinfo@gbp.org
- <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/>