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

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 fail
• During cleanup, throw away any contaminated food or clothing and disinfect/clean any items that can be salvaged

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
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