



Joint Base MDL Emergency Management



Hurricane Strike Preparedness



HURCON

(HURRICANE CONDITIONS)



What is a HURCON and how does it affect me?

HURCON is a time phased weather warning designed to prepare for the arrival of 50 knot (58 mph) winds in your area.

HURCON is only a time measurement and not a Saffer-Simpson scale intensity measurement (Category 1-5).

Each HURCON is listed by Roman Numeral:

- HURCON IV -- is the arrival of 50 Knot winds within 72 hours
- HURCON III -- is the arrival of 50 Knot winds within 48 hours
- HURCON II -- is the arrival of 50 Knot winds within 24 hours
- HURCON I -- is the arrival of 50 Knot winds within 12 hours



Individual and Family Preparation



Stay Calm.

Remain at home. Emergency Management officials will tell you if there is a need to evacuate.

- **Secure outdoor objects that might be blown away or uprooted. Garbage cans, garden tools, toys, signs, lawn furniture, and other seemingly harmless items can act like missiles during hurricane winds**
- **Store drinking water in jugs, bottles, other utensils or a clean bathtub; your water supply may become contaminated by floods**
- **Maintain a one-week non-perishable food supply and have a nonelectric can opener available for canned goods**



Individual and Family Preparation



- Ensure your car has a full gas tank.
- Set your freezer and refrigerator to their coldest settings. In the event of a short-term power outage, this will prevent your perishables from spoiling
- Review the Shelter-In Place Guide (EM CoP) and Ensure you have a battery-powered radio and flashlight and the batteries for both are fresh
- Monitor the storm by listening to the news, JB MDL social media sites, JB MDL AM Radio 1650, (609) 754-BASE (2273) and (732) 323-SNOW (7669)
- Contact someone outside the hurricane strike area, and tell him or her your location and contact number/address



Individual and Family Preparation



- **Ensure your Disaster Kit is stocked and Sufficient medications are available (as required)**
- **Know how to turn off gas, electric and water to your home**
- **Rehearse your Family Communications Plan in case you are separated during or after the storm. Know where to meet and who to call outside your area**
- **Ensure family, co-workers and/or unit control center has your out-of-state contact information for notification or status updates**
- **Ensure all in the family have the out-of-state contact person's name, phone number, and address**



Disaster Kit



Recommended items for your kit:

- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape to be used to secure the plastic
- Scissors or cutting tool for plastic and/or tape
- Battery operated radio with fresh batteries
- Flashlight and fresh batteries
- Bottled water and non perishable food
- Nonelectric can opener
- Cash and credit cards
- Essential medications
- Sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Blankets, pillows and seasonal clothing
- Toiletries
- Important documents in a waterproof container
- Any special items required for infants or the elderly



Water



- **Each home should have a one-week supply of water**
- **Store 2 gallons per person per day**
- **Water should be municipal (Tap water) or bottled water**
- **Storage containers must be clean**
 - **Milk containers are not recommended for water**
- **Use household bleach to disinfect water if necessary**



Water Purification



- **If notified by officials, purify your water by using one of the below listed methods**
- **Boiling: Boil water for 3-5 minutes**
- **Disinfection: Use regular household bleach that contains 5% Sodium Hypochlorite**
 - **1 qt water: add 4 drops of bleach**
 - **1 gal water: add 16 drops of bleach**
 - **5 gal water: add 80 drops of bleach**
- **NOTE: Iodine and water purification tablets are not recommended**



Food Safety



- Prior to the storm buy non-perishable food (recommend one-week supply). Use perishable food before the storm

For more information visit the following web site:
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.asp>

- If power is out keep refrigerator/freezer doors closed as much as possible
 - Food should remain safe for up to 48 hours with the freezer door closed
 - Adding ice or frozen containers to the refrigerator will help keep food last longer
- Use common sense (if it looks or smells bad it probably is)



Pharmacy



- People with less than one-week supply of medications should get refills as soon as possible
 - To help process your refill, please hand-carry prescription/bottle to pharmacy



After the Storm



- **Account for all family members**
- **Notify 911 of Life-Threatening emergencies**
- **Use extreme caution and survey property damage. Remain alert for down power lines and other dangerous conditions**
- **Notify CE Damage Control Center at 754-2388 or Command Post at 754-3935 of non-emergency damage**



After the Storm



- **Drain anything that may hold water to prevent mosquito breeding**
- **Dry wet areas in your home as soon as possible to prevent mold growth**
- **Help Ensure the Health, Safety and Security of JB MDL's Personnel and Resources – Stay Tuned For More Info!**



**Contact Emergency Management at
(609) 754-6224 or (609) 754-6223
or
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(609) 754-2104**