



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MONTHLY



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## Hurricane Preparedness

### Know your HURCONs!

**HURCON IV** - 72 hours prior to the forecast arrival of sustained 58 mph winds

**HURCON III** - 48 hours prior to the forecast arrival of sustained 58 mph winds

**HURCON II** - 24 hours prior to the forecast arrival of 58 mph winds

**HURCON I** - 12 hours prior to the forecast arrival of sustained 58 mph winds

**"Watch"**  
VS  
**"Warning"**

### Hurricane Watch

- Conditions possible within 36 hours
- Fill gas tank, make sure 72 hour kit is ready

### Hurricane Warning

- Conditions expected within 24 hours
- Secure loose items
- Set freezer to coldest temperature
- Continue monitoring weather
- Stay indoors unless

Hurricane season is almost upon us, and although we may not live near the gulf coast, hurricanes may still threaten our area. Hurricane season in the Atlantic runs from June 1st — November 30th. With this window quickly approaching it's important for you and your family to be prepared.



As we were certainly reminded last year with Hurricane Irene, the chances of a hurricane impacting our area is very real. Although hurricanes may not directly impact us annually, we are still routinely exposed to the remnants' of other hurricanes. These can pose a serious threat of flooding, strong winds, tornadic activity, and powerful swells and dangerous rip currents along the shore.

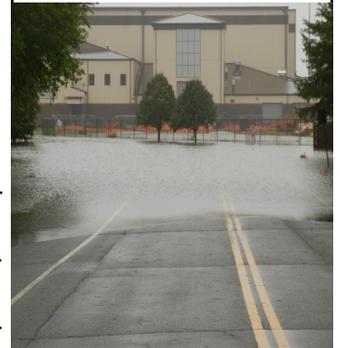
During a flood, it is important to get to high ground. If you find yourself driving during downpour conditions, never try and drive through a flooded street. The water may be deeper and faster than it looks, and poses a risk of washing away your vehicle. Plan alternate routes to work, the hospital or any other place you may need to get to in an emergency if your usual route is impassable. Also, be aware of local evacuation routes if you are advised to evacuate.

High winds can cause serious damage to your home, vehicle and potentially you or your loved ones during these storms. When a hurricane approaches, secure all outside objects (lawn furniture, grills, etc) so they do not become projectiles. Taping windows will do little to protect them from debris caught in the wind. You can install commercial shutters or 5/8 inch plywood to reinforce windows. You may also want to consider removing any dead trees or limbs from your yard since these may fall and cause damage during the high winds.

Being prepared and planning for a hurricane or any adverse weather should be a priority for everyone. Maintaining a 72 hour kit and staying informed will give you an edge against natural disasters and help keep you and your family safe this Hurricane season.

### Recommended 72hr kit contents:

- Water
- Non-Perishable food
- NOAA Weather radio w/ batteries
- Flashlight
- First Aid Kit, Prescriptions
- Local maps
- Cell phone charger, 12 volt inverter
- Important documents (Birth Certificates, Social Security cards etc)
- Blankets
- Matches
- Personal Hygiene items
- Bleach
- Fire Extinguisher



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