



HURRICANE SAFETY

Hurricane Season: June 1 - November 30

BEFORE THE HURRICANE SEASON

- Check into the storm surge history and elevation of your area.
- If you live in a flood-prone area, know where the nearest shelters are or make arrangements to stay with relatives or friends.
- Keep tree limbs trimmed that could damage your house, business or utility wires during a hurricane.
- Check your buildings & roofs and carry out the necessary repairs.
- Always have on hand an emergency supply of water, food and tools.
- Know the Parish Disaster Coordinator for your area.



THE HURRICANE WATCH

This advisory means that the Hurricane could pose a threat to the island within 48 hours. Start Preparing

- Bring in everything that could be blown away, garbage, cans, tools, hoses, lawn furniture
- Pick all fruits from trees
- Stock up on water. Store drinking water to last for at least two weeks.
- Stock up on nonperishable food.
- Always have first aid supplies and refill prescriptions that might be needed.
- Check your battery operated radio and flashlight and stock up on batteries.

THE HURRICANE WARNING

This means that the Hurricane is expected to hit within 36 hours.

- If you live near the sea or in an area which has flooded in the past, consider going to stay with relatives and friends in safer areas or to a safe Shelter.
- Batten down windows and doors with shutters or lumber.
- Take down awnings, outside antennas and satellite dishes.
- Close and brace external doors.
- Listen to the radio for updates.



AFTER THE HURRICANE

- Stay indoors. Wait until you are told that it is safe to go outside.
- Beware of downed power lines, weakened bridges, tree limbs or trees washed out roads.
- Boil all drinking water until you are advised that a safe supply has been restored.
- Be alert to prevent fires.
- Check your house or business place for structural damage before returning.
- Offer help to other members of your community who might have been affected.

DURING THE HURRICANE

- Stay **INDOORS**
- Do not go outside during the calm when the eye of the Hurricane is passing
- Stay in an interior room.



DISASTERS DO HAPPEN ... ARE YOU PREPARED?

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