



Response Times

Office of Emergency Response Newsletter - June 2016

Hurricane Season 2016 Has Begun!

It runs from June 1 to Nov. 31

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane. Know the difference between the threat levels, and plan accordingly.

Emergencies happen at any time!

Create a personal preparedness plan and emergency kit, including:

- At least a three-day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day and half-gallon per pet per day)
- Three- to five-day supply of nonperishable canned food per person; non-electric can opener
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Hand-crank or battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Cash (banks will be closed and ATMs down)
- Prescription medications for at least one week (plus copy of prescriptions)
- Photocopies of important family documents, including bank and home insurance information
- Hard copy of important phone numbers
- Extra pair of eyeglasses, or contact lenses and solution
- Rain gear, sturdy shoes and a change of clothing
- Blankets, bedding and/or sleeping bags
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Local maps
- Multi-tool/duct tape/garbage bags
- Clothing and a travel bag prepared for minimal evacuation time
- Activities to keep children occupied

Terms to know

Hurricane Warning: An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. Hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, so the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Hurricane Watch: An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. Hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, so the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Hurricane: A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind (using the U.S. 1-minute average) is 74 mph (64 knots) or more.

Storm Surge: An abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm, and whose height is the difference between the observed level of the sea surface and the level that would have occurred in the absence of the storm. Storm surge is usually estimated by subtracting the normal or astronomic high tide from the observed storm tide. Storm surge can reach heights well over 20 feet and can span hundreds of miles of coastline.

Names of the 2016 Hurricane Season

Used:

Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle

- Pet supplies (food, litter, etc.)

The Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency provide additional templates for family planning and emergency kits:

Make a Plan

- <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Make a Kit

- [Emergency Kit](#)
- [At Home Shelter-in-Place Kit](#)

Know Your Evacuation Routes

- <http://flgetaplan.com/family.aspx>

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DEP's vision is to create strong community partnerships, safeguard Florida's natural resources and enhance its ecosystems.

