

TIPS FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Natural disasters such as hurricanes can negatively impact our health, safety, and the environment. There are various ways the public can protect themselves and the environment before a storm lands.



Did you know?

Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1 and ends on November 30 every year. Pacific hurricane season is from May 15 to November 30.

MAKE A SUPPLIES KIT

Having an emergency kit to prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes is essential. A basic kit may include things such as canned food, first aid supplies, alternative light source, as well as other items. In addition, it is important to include a gallon of water for each person and pet for at least three days.

DEVELOP A FAMILY PLAN

Making an emergency plan that includes all the members of your immediate family is a great way to get organized before a storm. The plan can include alternative ways to contact family members, what to do if you get separated, and important contact information.

PREPARE YOUR HOME

Hurricanes bring inevitable damage to structures, including homes. Making sure that items such as paint or cleaning agents are secured or stored properly can prevent the release of chemicals and substances, which helps to mitigate household hazardous waste (HHW) during hurricanes.

KNOW WHO TO CONTACT

It's important to know who to call during emergencies. If you have an immediate or life-threatening issue, always call 911. If you witness an oil, chemical, or hazardous substance spill or discharge resulting from a hurricane, call the National Response Center at 800-424-8802.

SPREAD THE WORD

Be sure to share preparedness resources with friends and family. There are many tools that are available that can increase safety for people and communities.