

Be Ready For

# HURRICANE SEASON

The 2020 hurricane season is expected to be more active than a normal season. There are actions you can take now to be better prepared at home and at work.

- ✓ Know Your Hurricane Risks.
  - Hurricanes bring many hazards to coastlines and inland areas, including storm surge along the coast, inland flooding due to heavy rainfall, tornadoes, strong winds, rip currents and large waves.
  - Do you live near the Gulf or Atlantic Coasts? Contact your local government/emergency management office to find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation area.
- ✓ Make an Emergency Plan.
  - For help visit <https://www.ready.gov/plan>.
  - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your plan.
  - If anyone in your household is an individual with a disability identify if additional help may be needed during an emergency.
  - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane. Learn your evacuation routes and identify the best storm refuge available. If your community has shelters, verify now which will be open and operating during the pandemic.
  - Discuss the latest Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may affect your hurricane planning.
- ✓ Gather Supplies
  - Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies, cloth face coverings, pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk.
- ✓ Recognize Warnings and Alerts
  - Have several ways to receive alerts.
    - Download the FEMA app to receive alerts from the National Weather Service.
    - Sign up for community alerts in your area.
- ✓ Review Important Documents
  - Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents like ID are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password protected digital space.
- ✓ Strengthen Your Home
  - Declutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, consider hurricane shutters.
- ✓ Get Tech Ready
  - Keep your cell phone charged when a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.
- ✓ Get Work Ready
  - Make sure your supervisor has your current contact information and that your emergency contact information is up to date.

- Make sure you have current contact information for your supervisor and other coworkers you may need to contact.
  - Keep a hard copy of the information along with electronic copies.
- If you or your duty station is in the path of a hurricane communicate with your supervisor before the storm hits and report your status to your supervisor as soon as it is safe to do so after the storm passes.