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Are you prepared?



As the hurricane season begins, being prepared is the best way to safeguard your home, protect your family, and ensure peace of mind. Hurricanes can bring powerful winds, heavy rain, and high tides capable of causing significant damage. This simple guide will help you understand how to prepare for hurricane season in an easily digestible manner.

Understanding Hurricane Season

Firstly, it's important to understand when the hurricane season occurs. For the Atlantic and Central Pacific regions, the season generally runs from June 1 through November 30. This is the time when conditions are most conducive for hurricane development, although hurricanes can occasionally occur outside of these dates.

1. Stay Informed

Keeping informed about approaching storms is crucial. Stay updated with the latest weather forecasts and news from reliable sources. Websites like the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and the National Weather Service (NWS) provide accurate, timely information. Invest in a battery-operated or hand-cranked radio for information access in case of power loss.

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2. Develop a Disaster Plan

Next, establish a disaster plan for your family. This plan should include evacuation routes, a predetermined meeting point if your family gets separated, and a list of emergency contacts. Make sure every family member is familiar with this plan and knows what to do in case a hurricane strikes.

3. Prepare an Emergency Kit

An emergency kit should contain supplies that can sustain your family for at least 72 hours. It should include food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, important documents, cash, pet supplies, and a first-aid kit. Don't forget to consider the specific needs of the elderly, infants, and people with special medical conditions.

4. Secure Your Home

Your home is your safe haven, so ensure it can withstand hurricane conditions. Check your home's structural integrity, trim overgrown trees that could potentially cause damage, and secure doors and windows. Install hurricane shutters or pre-cut plywood for windows. Clear out gutters and drains to prevent water backup. If you live in a flood-prone area, consider moving valuable items to higher levels of your home.

5. Check Your Insurance Coverage

Not all homeowner's insurance policies cover hurricane or flood damage. Talk to your insurance provider to understand what your policy covers and consider adding additional coverage if needed.

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6. Communication Strategy

Cell towers may be down during a hurricane, making it hard to communicate. Have a battery-powered charger for your cell phones. Social media, texting, and apps like Zello, which can turn your phone into a walkie-talkie, can be useful.

7. After the Hurricane

Once the storm has passed, check your home for damage and report it to your insurance company. Beware of potential hazards such as downed power lines or gas leaks. Do not drink tap water until officials say it's safe to do so.

Conclusion

Hurricane season doesn't have to be a time of fear and uncertainty. By taking simple, proactive steps to prepare, you can minimize risk and make sure you and your family are safe. Start preparing now, don't wait for a hurricane warning - by that time, it may be too late. Remember, preparedness is the key to weathering any storm, and the peace of mind it brings is invaluable.

Hurricane Preparedness

ASSEMBLE DISASTER SUPPLIES



Make a list of supplies and assemble them before hurricane season begins. Have enough food and water for each person for at least three days. Fill your prescriptions and have medicine on hand. Radios, batteries and phone chargers are also must-haves. Gas up your vehicle and have cash on hand.



Food & water



Medicine & prescriptions



Keep gas tank full



Radio, batteries, phone chargers



Cash on hand

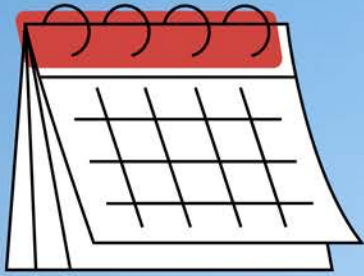
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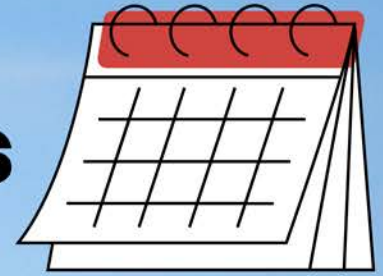
Word Scramble

Good luck, and have fun unscrambling these words related to Hurricane Preparedness! Answers are upside down at bottom of page.

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2. DOOF (4) _____
3. SHFLALIGT (9) _____
4. IEETRABS (8) _____
5. IAORD (5) _____
6. TIFRS DAIA (9) _____
7. NCAOEVUTEI (10) _____
8. NIRAWGN YSEMTSS (12) _____
9. NCIGEYENREM YPPLUS (15) _____
10. SITIDREAS NPAETAMMNGE (19) _____



Planned Events



The 2023 Bethpage Air Show was a huge success with close to record breaking crowds attending. Thank you to all the CERT members who assisted.

Photos: Rick DeLucia



Upcoming events

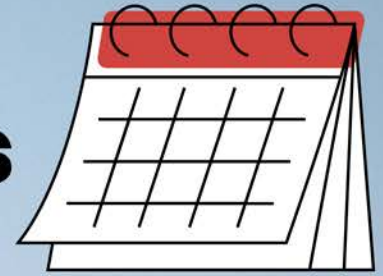
Sat. Jun 10th - Belmont Stakes - No CERT members will be needed for this event.

June 28th, 29th, 30th - IAEM Conference - A request has been put out for approximately 15 - 20 CERT members to assist with various activities from set up and registration to ushering and break down. There are two shifts on each day, 0700 - 1200 and 1200 - 1700. If you are able to volunteer for this event, please contact OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov with your availability and contact info. If you have already responded to the initial request, you do not have to respond again. Thank you.





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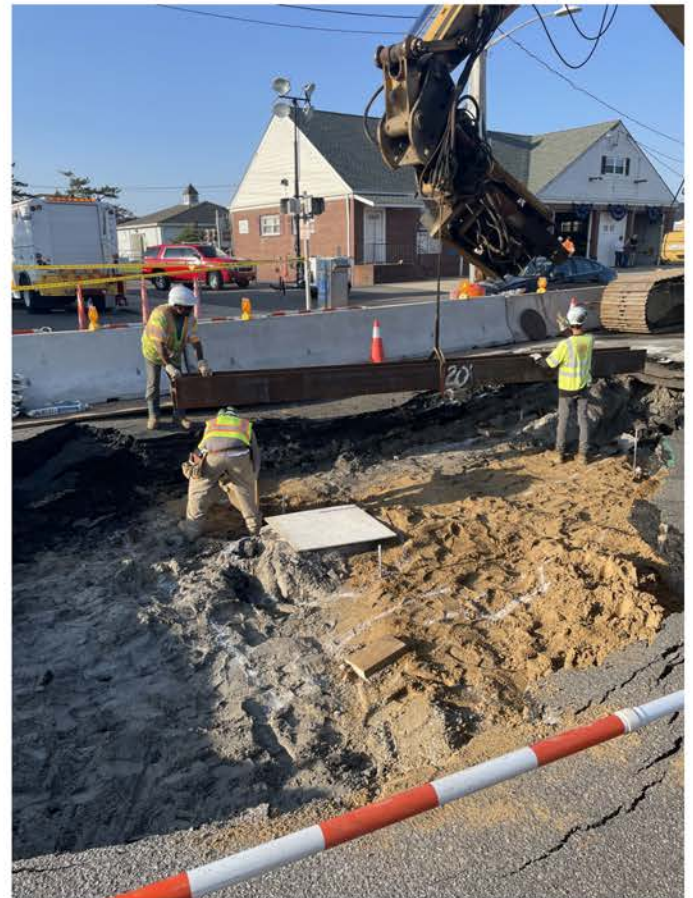
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News

Sink-Hole Opens in Lido Blvd.



Crews work day and night to make repairs to the damaged section of roadway in Long Beach.

Calendar of Events

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 RACES Meeting 7:30pm	2	3
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July

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CERT Division Meetings
7:00pm



Belmont Stakes



RACES Meeting
7:30pm



IMAE Conference

Important Dates

RACES Meeting - 7:30pm Thursday, June 1st, July 6th

CERT Division Meeting - 7:00pm Wednesday, June 7th at 510 Grumman Rd West. **Special presentation on the power of Radio Communications**

IMAE EM Conference - June 28th, 29th and 30th



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