

Hurricane Season



Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over ocean water and often move toward land. Hurricanes bring high winds, heavy rain, storm surge, flooding and tornadoes.

Plan to Evacuate

Go ahead and think this through. Where will you go? Have a couple of options depending on the storm track.

Plan for multiple days - have a list of medications, important numbers, changes of clothes, etc. Remember your pets' medications.

Create a USB or flash drive of all your important documents. You may also want to keep photos of some on your phone.

Plan on picking up elderly loved ones or neighbors.

Unplug electronics. Turn off automatic appliances.

Do not return home until the authorities say it's safe.

Before you leave

Secure outdoor items such as lawn furniture and trash cans.

Trim or remove trees or limbs that could fall on and damage your home.

Clean out gutters to prep for the increased rain.

Consider purchasing things such as tarps, plastic, sandbags, etc.

Protect windows and glass doors with shutters or plywood.

Safe Shelter in Place

Be prepared to live without electricity, gas, water, phone, etc. for several days.

Decide on the designated safe place in your home to ride out high winds. Optimal: small windowless room that is not likely to flood.

If your area/land/home floods easily, make sure you can get out and move to higher ground if needed.

Collect your supplies - including food and water - before the storm arrives. Nonperishable things can be collected and stored.

Create a new, or update an existing, first aid kit.

Create a USB or flash drive of all your important documents. You may also want to keep photos of some on your phone.

Download the emergency app for your area: local government, weather, etc.

Remember to have a backup to charge your phone.

If you use a generator, learn about generator safety!

Do not touch or try to clear downed power lines.

Do not get into flood waters. You don't know what's in the water.

Safety Checklist

Go online and find a safety checklist that fits your family.

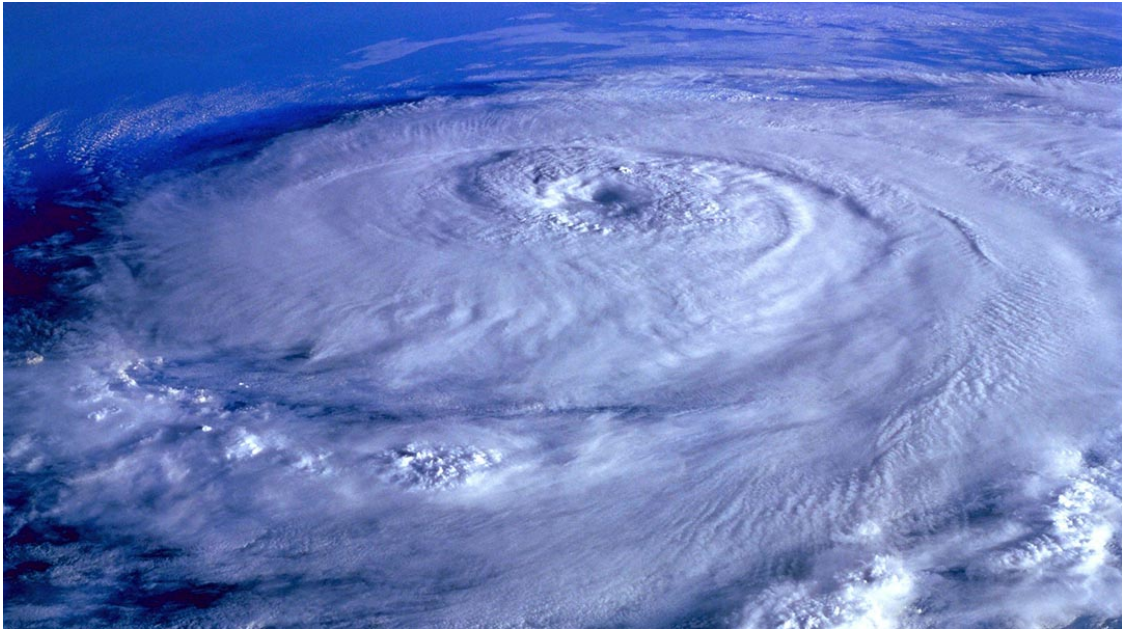
Collect all those items - or know exactly where they are.

Make sure everyone you are responsible for is aware of the plan, the list, and the items needed.

Give people their own assignments to collect things on the list.

Sources: redcross.org and weather.gov

Atlantic Hurricane Season starts June 1st



The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season is the current hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean. It officially begins on June 1, 2023, and ends on November 30, 2023. These dates, adopted by convention, historically describe the period in each year when most tropical cyclogenesis occurs in the Atlantic (over 97%).

Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_Atlantic_hurricane_season

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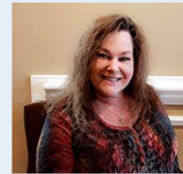
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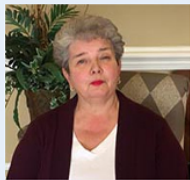
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