

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS...!

BEFORE THE STORM

- ◆ Have a family emergency kit
- ◆ develop an evacuation plan and know where your emergency shelter is located
- ◆ Check into your home and auto insurance
- ◆ Secure important documents
- ◆ Develop an emergency communication plan

WHEN UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING:

- ◆ Windows should be reinforced with shutters and doors with bars
- ◆ Roof covering should be properly fixed to the rafters. Spaces between the roof and the supports should be sealed off during hurricane periods.



- ◆ Trim overhanging trees. Trees or branches that hang over a house or which look as if they might damage your home during a hurricane should be cut down.



- ◆ Clear all drains, gullies or ravines to allow for free flow of water and to reduce flooding.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN (MAKE THE NUMBERS EASILY ACCESSIBLE)

Home: _____

Adult: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Adult: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Adult: _____

Cell: _____

Child: _____

Cell: _____

School: _____

Emergency pick-up: _____

Child: _____

Daycare: _____

Emergency pick-up: _____

Neighbor: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Out of community contact: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Off island relative/friend: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Police:

Fire & Ambulance:

Hospital:

Nearest health center:

MEETING PLACES (If family become separated during an emergency)

In your neighborhood: _____

Out of your neighborhood: _____

(Adopted from: ready.gov)

AFTER THE STORM

Stay Informed— continue listening to your radio if you are able to for the latest updates. Ensure the ALL CLEAR has been given by the authorities before venturing outdoors.

Stay alert— Avoid flooded roads and wash-out bridges and drive only if necessary. If you must go out, watch out for downed electrical wires, weakened walls, bridges, roads and areas that were affected by landslides.

Assess the damage— Walk carefully around the premises and assess the damages. Check the loose power lines and structural damage. Co-operate with Damage Assessors.

Assist neighbours — Check in on your neighbours and get help where possible for persons needing medical attention or other assistance.

KNOW THE WEATHER SYSTEMS

Potential Tropical Cyclone - A term used to describe a disturbance that is not yet a tropical cyclone, but which poses the threat of bringing tropical storm or hurricane conditions to land areas within 48 hours

Tropical Storm - A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed ranges from 34 kt (39 mph or 63 km/hr) to 63 kt (73 mph or 118 km/hr)

Hurricane — A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface winds is 64 kt (74 mph or 119 km/hr) or more.

Major Hurricane — A hurricane that is classified as Category 3 or higher.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

WHEN A TROPICAL STORM OR A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED YOU HAVE 48 HOURS OR JUST 2 DAYS TO BEFORE SEVERE WEATHER IS LIKELY TO BEGIN...PREPARE!

WHEN A TROPICAL STORM OR A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED YOU HAVE 36 HOURS OR A DAY AND A HALF BEFORE SEVERE WEATHER OR TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS BEGINS. PREPAREDNESS SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR EMERGENCY SHELTER IS LOCATED?

Contact the
OFFICE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT
(ODM)

for your Hurricane Shelter information

(767) 448 - 7777 / 611 – 4412

Website: www.odm.gov.dm

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BE PREPARED. BE SAFE.



ARE YOU READY?

