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FOREWORD

The Emergency Shelter Booklet has been updated to facilitate communication in times of disasters.

The booklet includes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of Senior Wardens, Deputy Senior Wardens and Emergency Wardens, in addition to key disaster management personnel and agencies. This information is only current up to the time of printing since shelter staff may not be performing their substantive assignments during the period of the event. However, in such cases, Shelter Wardens are requested to inform the Chief Shelter Warden as soon as possible so that changes can be disseminated.

This booklet should be easily accessible in the event of a disaster. Please be aware that a list of emergency shelters will be published in the local media and on the social media platforms of the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training, the Department of Emergency Management and the Barbados Government Information Service.

Although every effort is made to have the Ministry's annual civil works conducted during the summer vacation, completion of these works within that timeframe is not always possible; thus, it is expected that some schools will be unavailable for use as emergency shelters.

Every attempt has been made to ensure that the shelter area is a single open space area; however, in some facilities, the shelter area maybe individual rooms. For all schools being used as emergency shelters, a senior team from these schools will be stationed at their respective schools to ensure a shift system is operational upon activation of the shelter.

The Ministry takes this opportunity to thank all persons who are rendering national service as Senior Wardens, Deputy Senior Wardens and Emergency Senior Wardens as well as those who assist with implementing the National Shelter Management Programme, particularly volunteers with the District Emergency Organisation.

Let us continue to pray that Barbados is spared the impact of a hurricane or any other hazard.

Dr Ramona Archer-Bradshaw
Chief Education Officer
(Chief Shelter Warden)

SHELTERS WITH WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

There are twenty-two (22) Category 1 Emergency Shelters with wheelchair access:

CATEGORY 1

CHRIST CHURCH

Blackman and Gollop Primary School
Christ Church Foundation
Dunamis Outreach Ministries of the Wesleyan Holiness Church
St. Christopher Primary School

ST. GEORGE

Cuthbert Moore Primary School
Ellerton Wesleyan Holiness Church

ST. JAMES

Gordon Greenidge Primary School

ST. JOHN

The Lodge School

ST. JOSEPH

Tamarind Hall Branch Library (Eric Holder Municipal Complex)

ST. LUCY

Connell Town Pentecostal House of Prayer
The William Donald George Parish Centre
(St. Lucy Parish Church)

ST. MICHAEL

Black Rock Seventh Day Adventist Church
Dalkeith Methodist Church
Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre
The University of the West Indies

ST. PETER

Coleridge and Parry School
Roland Edwards Primary School

ST. PHILIP

Hilda Skeene Primary School
Ruby Church of the Nazarene

ST. THOMAS

Hillaby Seventh Day Adventist Church
Hillaby Turners Hall Primary School
The Lester Vaughan School



This logo indicates shelters with wheelchair access.

EMERGENCY SHELTER REGULATIONS

1. The Senior Warden is the supreme authority in the shelter and his/her decision is final.
2. The Emergency Shelter Warden or other Shelter Warden designated by the Senior Warden will be responsible for the Shelter in the absence of the Senior Shelter Warden.
3. The Warden is entitled to call upon any occupant of the Shelter to assist in its operation and every occupant is expected to cooperate to the best of his or her ability.
4. If a State of Emergency is proclaimed at any time under the Emergency Management Act CAP 160A, all persons within the shelter will be subject to Orders made under the Act and will be liable for such penalties as may be imposed for failure to comply.
5. The Senior Warden and all assistants are NOT responsible for any item of personal property of any occupant of the Shelter.
6. The Department of Emergency Management will NOT be liable for any damage to, or loss of, any property belonging to any occupant.
7. Any person who is seen defacing or in any way damaging the Shelter or any item of its furniture or equipment will be prosecuted.
8. Unseemly, indecent or unsocial behavior such as the use of violence, profane language or drunkenness will not be tolerated and will result in prosecution where any such offence is contrary to the law.
9. Smoking **WILL NOT** be allowed in an Emergency Shelter.
10. The consumption of alcohol in any form is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** in an Emergency Shelter.
11. Firearms **WILL NOT** be allowed in an Emergency Shelter.
12. Offensive weapons **WILL NOT** be allowed in an Emergency Shelter.

PROTOCOL FOR ENTERING SHELTERS

Since 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic presented new challenges to the concept of Shelter Management in Barbados. Therefore, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training (METVT) recognized the need for protocols which seek to ensure the safety of Shelter Management personnel as well as persons seeking refuge in Emergency Shelters in times of an emergency or a natural disaster during the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has evolved substantially along with the local strategies for prevention and control. In the eventual absence of COVID-19, it is envisaged that there should always remain protocols to reduce the potential spread of communicable diseases at Shelters in Barbados.

Considering the current environment, the following guidelines have been put in place to ensure the safety of personnel and occupants of Emergency Shelters.

Entry to the Emergency Shelter

1. Wearing of face mask or fabric face covering by all persons whilst in the Emergency Shelter is optional.
2. Persons with new onset respiratory symptoms must wear a face mask.
3. Hand sanitization upon entry into the Shelter is optional.




Throughout the duration of the Atlantic Hurricane season which begins on 1 June and ends on 30 November, the Emergency Shelters will be accessible to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic and for any other emergency which requires the Emergency Shelters to be opened. However, persons are reminded that their first option should be to seek shelter at home or with friends or family. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and were at home isolating must readily declare this upon entry to the Shelter. They must wear a face mask and isolate in a designated area at the Shelter.

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CATEGORY 1 PUBLIC SHELTERS

**Shelters which may be used
during a hurricane or other
emergency event.**



Christ Church: Public Category 1 Shelters

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| Blackman and Gollop Primary School CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 70 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Christ Church Foundation CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 75 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Gordon Walters Primary School CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available |
| St. Christopher Primary School CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 75 POTABLE WATER Available  |

St. George: Public Category 1 Shelters

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| Cuthbert Moore Primary School CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 36 POTABLE WATER Available  |
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St. James: Public Category 1 Shelters

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| Gordon Greenidge Primary School CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Queen's College CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 100 POTABLE WATER Available  |

St. John: Public Category 1 Shelters

The Lodge School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 195

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Joseph: Public Category 1 Shelters

Tamarind Hall Library - Eric Holder Municipal Complex

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 54

POTABLE WATER Available



- **This facility is only used in the event of a hurricane.**

St. Michael: Public Category 1 Shelters

Combermere School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 100

POTABLE WATER Available

Harrison College

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 81

POTABLE WATER Available

Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 365

POTABLE WATER Available



The University of the West Indies

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 100

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Peter: Public Category 1 Shelters

Coleridge and Parry School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 140

POTABLE WATER Available 

Roland Edwards Primary School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 36

POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Philip: Public Category 1 Shelters

Hilda Skeene Primary School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 32

POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Thomas: Public Category 1 Shelters

Hillaby/Turners Hall Primary School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 35

POTABLE WATER Available 

Lester Vaughan School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 115

POTABLE WATER Available 

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**CATEGORY 1 PRIVATELY OWNED
SHELTERS**

**Shelters which may be used
during a hurricane or other
emergency event.**


Christ Church: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Dunamis Outreach Ministries of the Wesleyan Holiness Church
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 93
POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Andrew: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Hillaby Seventh Day Adventist Church
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 32
POTABLE WATER Available 


St. George: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Ellerton Wesleyan Holiness Church
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 24
POTABLE WATER Available 

St. James: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Church of God Orange Hill
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 61
POTABLE WATER Available

St. Lucy: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Connell Town Pentecostal House of Prayer
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 21
POTABLE WATER Available 

William Donald George Parish Centre (St. Lucy Parish Church)
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 20
POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Michael: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

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| Black Rock Seventh Day Adventist Church CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 32 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Dalkeith Methodist Church CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 34 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Faith Wesleyan Holiness Church CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 30 NO POTABLE WATER Available |
| St. Barnabas Senior Citizens Centre CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 46 POTABLE WATER Available |

St. Philip: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters





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| Ruby Church of the Nazarene CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 45 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Six Roads Church of Christ CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available |

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CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS

**Shelters which may be used
after a hurricane or other
emergency event.**

Christ Church: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Arthur Smith Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Christ Church Girls School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 90 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Deighton Griffith School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Milton Lynch Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| St. Bartholomew Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available |

St. Andrew: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| A. DaCosta Edwards Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available |
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St. George: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Ellerton Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 25 POTABLE WATER Available |
| St. George Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 50 POTABLE WATER Available |

St. George: Public Category 2 Shelters

St. George Secondary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 80

POTABLE WATER Available

St. James: Public Category 2 Shelters

Good Shepherd Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Silas Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available

West Terrace Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



St. John: Public Category 2 Shelters

Mount Tabor Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Margaret's Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available

St. John Primary School



CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 100




POTABLE WATER Available





St. Joseph: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Grantley Adams Memorial CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 120 POTABLE WATER Available | |
| St. Bernard Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available |  |
| St. Joseph Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available |  |






St. Lucy: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Daryll Jordan Secondary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 150 POTABLE WATER Available |  |
| Ignatius Byer Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available |  |
| Selah Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available |  |




St. Michael: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Barbados Community College CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 244 NO POTABLE WATER Available |  |
| Bay Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 50 POTABLE WATER Available |  |



St. Michael: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| <p>Charles F. Broome Memorial CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 110 POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>The Ellerslie School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 55 POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>George Lamming Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 79  POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Grantley Prescod Memorial CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 50  POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Grazettes Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 50  POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Hindsbury Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 70  POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Lawrence T. Gay Memorial CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Luther Thorne Memorial CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 100  POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Parkinson Memorial CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 63 POTABLE WATER Available</p> |
| <p>Springer Memorial School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 66 POTABLE WATER Available</p> |

St. Michael: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| St. Ambrose Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| St. Leonard's Boys' School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 55 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| The St. Michael School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 37 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Wilkie Cumberbatch Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 65 POTABLE WATER Available |

St. Philip: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Bayley's Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 45 POTABLE WATER Available |
| Princess Margaret Secondary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 60 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Reynold Weekes Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 45 POTABLE WATER Available  |

St. Thomas: Public Category 2 Shelters

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| Holy Innocents Primary School CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available |
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St. Thomas: Public Category 2 Shelters

Sharon Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER

Available



Welches Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 22

POTABLE WATER




Available

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**CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED
SHELTERS**

**Shelters which may be used
after a hurricane or other
emergency event.**

Christ Church: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

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| Cane Vale Seventh Day Adventist Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 30 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Hawthorn Methodist Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 27 POTABLE WATER Available |
| Ivan Harewood Centre (Christ Church Parish Church) CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 75 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Salvation Army Church (Wotton) CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 14 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| St. Christopher Anglican Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available  |
| St. Matthias Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 23 NO POTABLE WATER Available  |

St. Lucy: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

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| Bennett's Temple United Holy Church of America CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 22 NO POTABLE WATER Available  |
| Salvation Army Checker Hall Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 14 POTABLE WATER Available |
| St. Clement's Centre (St. Clement's Anglican Church) CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 30 POTABLE WATER Available  |

St. Michael: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

People's Cathedral Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 60

NO POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Matthew's Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 35

POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Peter: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

The Salvation Army Lighthouse Centre (Women & Children Only)

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 12

NO POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Philip-the-Less Anglican Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 45

POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Philip: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

Gemswick Nazarene Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 45

NO POTABLE WATER Available 

St. Catherine's Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 45

POTABLE WATER Available 

Seeking Refuge in an Emergency Shelter?

“Know Before You Go”

GENERAL INFORMATION

THINGS TO DO AT THE START OF THE HURRICANE SEASON

- Know the emergency shelters located in your area. This information can be obtained from the Department of Emergency Management (Tel 438-7575) or your District Emergency Organisation (DEO). Contact numbers can be found on page 44.
- Ensure that your Emergency Go Bag and Disaster Emergency Kit are stocked. (See Page 36)
- Check on these emergency items: water, boots, raincoats, flashlights and batteries, battery-powered radios, battery-powered lamps, matches, hurricane shutters, etc.
- Clear all tree branches which look as if they might damage your property. **DO NOT** attempt to cut branches or trees that may fall or have fallen on electrical wires.
- Stock up on 4-5 days' supply of food that does not need cooking or refrigeration. **DO NOT** overstock refrigerator or freezer with lots of perishable foods.
- Have First-Aid supplies on hand.
- Purchased flashlights or battery-powered lamps. (*Open flame lamps and candles can create a possible fire hazard*).
- Where possible, ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Check your roof for loose screws or nails and damaged roof sheeting. Repair and replace, as necessary.
- If you are a business owner, take the necessary precautions. If a storm threatens, secure your building. Cover windows, cover and move equipment/furniture to a secure area.
- **ALWAYS** protect your data with backup files. If dependent on data processing, consider storage at an alternate site. Also, make provisions for alternate communications and power.

EMERGENCY SHELTERING

One of the realities of emergencies and disasters is that people may be forced to leave their homes; because of the threat of a hazard or their homes may have been destroyed or damaged extensively by the event.

Shelter is a basic human need, good shelter promotes the maintenance of health and safeguards the population from the potential negative impacts of exposure to the physical environment. Shelter, in addition to water, food, health and personal care are crucial to survival particularly in an emergency or disaster.

Emergency shelters are deemed to be structurally sound buildings, in safe locations that are designated in the planning stages of Disaster Management Programmes to house victims of an emergency or disaster and to provide for their immediate needs. The period of occupation at these facilities is usually a very brief one extending not more than a few days but may be lengthened depending on the severity of impact on the affected community. **Emergency shelters are not expected to become permanent homes for evacuated persons.**

Sheltering in a national emergency shelter should be your last resort. Persons should always make prior arrangements to seek shelter with family or friends. However, if you intend to evacuate to an emergency shelter, you should know the following:

- Seek refuge in an emergency shelter only when you have been notified by the authorities that the shelters are officially opened.
- An emergency shelter's primary function is to provide refuge; that is, a roof over your head during times of disasters.
- Weapons, alcoholic beverages, abusive language, cigarette or cigar smoking and narcotics **WILL NOT** be allowed in an emergency shelter.
- Pets **ARE NOT** allowed in Emergency Shelters.
- Shelter Managers **WILL NOT** be responsible for the storage of valuable items or important documents.
- If conflicts arise between shelter occupants, the shelter manager will decide the course of action.
- Keeping the shelter facility clean and sanitary is everyone's responsibility.
- Registration of all family members will be required at the emergency shelter.

BEFORE LEAVING HOME

- Listen for evacuation advice and leave promptly when advised by authorities to do so.
- Fill as many containers as possible with water. Fill bathtub, laundry and kitchen sink, and washing machine with water. (*You may need this supply when you return home*).
- Shut off water and electricity at their main switches.
- Shut off the valve on large propane gas tanks and anchor securely.
- Lock windows and doors.
- Store plenty of newspaper for sanitary purposes.
- Ensure your Disaster Supply Kit is stored safely.
- Ensure that you have your Emergency Go Bag.

EMERGENCY GO BAG OR HOUSEHOLD DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Listed below¹ are some of the most important items for an “Emergency Go Bag” or a “Disaster Supply Kit”. These bags or kits should be stocked and replenish as necessary, especially at the beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season (June 1²):

| Emergency Go Bag ³ | Disaster Supply Kit ⁴ |
|---|---|
| Bottle water | Drinking water in containers – 1 gallon per person/per day for two weeks |
| Small first aid kit and medication | |
| Small flashlight and batteries | Two-week supply of non-perishable/special dietary foods (<i>canned opener</i>) |
| Infant necessities (medicine, sterile water, diapers, ready formula, bottles) | Water purification kit (tablets, bleach, chlorine (plain) and iodine) |
| Important documents (including ID Card, stored in water-tight plastic bags or plastic containers) | Flashlights and batteries |
| Cash (<i>preferably in denominations of \$20.00 and less</i>) | Two coolers (one to keep food and one for ice) |
| Hand sanitizer and pre-moisturized towelettes | Tarpaulin for roof/window repair, screening, tools, nails, etc. |
| Personal toiletries | Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant). |
| Whistle | Toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer and pre-moisturized towelettes |
| Portable radio and batteries | Fire Extinguisher |
| Ready-to-eat food (canned, packaged, box juice, can opener) | Extra pair of clothing |
| Personal sanitary items | Trash bags |
| | Toilet paper, paper towels |
| | Personal sanitary items |
| | Duct tape |

¹ Please note that this list is not exhaustive.

² Hurricanes and storms can occur before the official start of the hurricane season.

³ A bag that is easy to take with you in the event that you need to evacuate your home prior to or during a hazard impact.

⁴ A collection of supplies needed immediately following the impact of a hazard.

WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING HOME

- Leave early, in daylight if possible, and take your Emergency Go Bag.
- Avoid already flooded areas. Do not attempt to cross any stretch of floodwaters.
- **DO NOT** drive on roads covered with water. Under those floodwaters, the road could already be washed away. The rising waters could lift your car and carry it away. There may be no available help on site.
- Drive carefully; do not travel further than necessary. Roads may be jammed or blocked.
- Take extra precautions if you are told to evacuate at night. Darkness hides the flood dangers. If you suddenly find yourself driving through floodwaters and your car stalls, get out immediately and climb to higher ground. A stranded automobile could become a coffin.
- When you have found a safe refuge, stay put! Many people have lost their lives trying to go from one place to another.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS GIVEN

- Listen for weather updates on the local radio and television stations. **DO NOT** trust rumours.
- Re-check your Emergency Go Bag and Disaster Supply Kit. Replenish items as needed.
- Refill prescriptions. Where possible, maintain at least a two-week supply during the hurricane season.
- Clear surroundings of potential flying debris (loose objects), E.g., patio furniture, potted plants, bicycles, and trash cans. If possible, securely anchor these items.
- Clean containers for drinking water and bathtubs for storing clean water. Plan on three gallons per person, per day for all uses.
- Protect your windows and glass doors. If shutters have not been installed, you may also use pre-cut plywood. **Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, taping windows is not recommended.**
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank and check oil, water and tires. Remember that gas pumps do not operate without electricity.
- Boat owners should ensure that these vessels are secured.
- Owners of swimming pools should fill and super-chlorinate them. (Cover the filtration system).
- Get cash, preferably in denominations of \$20.00 or less. Banks and ATMs will not be in operation without electricity and few stores will be able to accept credit cards, debit cards or personal cheques.
- Always have some form of personal identification on your person, i.e. ID Card, Driver's Licence or Passport.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS GIVEN

- Listen to the advice of local officials and leave your location if instructed.
- Complete preparation activities. Make sure your windows are protected and home secured.
- If you intend to go to an Emergency Shelter proceed upon notification by officials that shelters are opened.
- Have at least a two-week supply of non-perishable foods in stock.

DURING THE PASSAGE OF A STORM OR HURRICANE

- Stay inside and away from windows, skylights, and glass doors. Find a safe area in your home - an interior reinforced room, closet, hallway or bathroom at ground level.
- If you lose electrical power, turn off major appliances to reduce the possibility of damage.
- If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. Move valuables to higher levels. Find safe shelter.
- **DO NOT** touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area or you are standing on a piece of dry wood with rubber footwear and gloves.
- If you live along coastal areas, be alert for storm surges that may result in further damages to properties.
- **DO NOT** be fooled by the hurricane's calm "eye". The worst part of the hurricane occurs once the "eye" passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be further destroyed by the second winds. **Wait for the official All Clear.**

ANIMALS AND EMERGENCIES

- Pet owners are responsible for the protection of their pets during disaster events.



- If you plan to evacuate, plan for your pet as well. Pets **ARE NOT** allowed in emergency shelters.

- Make prior arrangements to shelter pets. If you go to friends or relatives and it is okay to take your pets; also take your Pet Survival Kit as well.

Pet Survival Kit

- Proper ID collar/tag, photograph of your pet
 - Carrier/cage, leash and toy
 - Ample food supply (at least two weeks) - moist food is recommended to preserve water.
 - Water/food bowls
 - Any necessary medications
 - Sanitary items (newspaper, litter box, poo bags, paper towels, chlorine bleach)
- After the disaster event has passed, be careful in allowing your pets outside as familiar scents and landmarks may have been altered causing your pets to become confused and lost.
 - Downed power lines, damaged buildings, animals and insects brought with the disaster could also present real dangers to your pet. Take care not to allow your pet to consume food or water which may have become contaminated.

LIVESTOCKS AND LARGER ANIMALS



- Determine whether to move animals to an indoor area (barn) or turn them loose outside.
 - If possible, ensure animals have some form of identification.
 - If animals are to be evacuated, ensure vehicles (including trailers) are available.
- Ensure that destinations have food, water and handling equipment.
 - Contact the Veterinary Services Department (535-0221) for further information.

HURRICANE TERMS

- **Tropical Wave**
A kink or bend in the normally straight flow of surface air in the tropics which forms a low-pressure trough, or pressure boundary, and showers and thunderstorms. Can develop into a tropical cyclone.
- **Tropical Depression**
A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds near the surface of less than 39 mph.
- **Tropical Storm**
Tropical cyclone with winds of 39 to 74 mph.
- **Tropical Storm Watch**
Tropical storm conditions (34 to 73 mph) are expected within 48 hours.
- **Tropical Storm Warning**
Tropical storm conditions (34 to 73 mph) are expected within 36 hours.
- **Tropical Storm All Clear**
This means that the storm has left the area, but caution should prevail.
- **Hurricane**
A tropical cyclone with winds of 74 mph or more. Normally applied to such storms in the Atlantic Basin and the Pacific Ocean east of the International Date Line.
- **Hurricane Watch**
Hurricane conditions are possible and may threaten land within 48 hours.
- **Hurricane Warning**
Hurricane conditions are expected to make landfall within 36 hours.
- **Hurricane All Clear**
This means that the hurricane has left the area, but caution should prevail.

HURRICANE TERMS

- **Storm Surge**
The dome of water that builds up as a hurricane moves over water. As this water comes ashore with the storm, it causes flooding (usually a hurricane's biggest killer).
- **Eye**
The low-pressure center of a hurricane. Winds are normally calm and sometimes the sky clears.
- **Eye Wall**
The ring of thunderstorms that surrounds a hurricane's eye. The heaviest rain, strongest winds and worst turbulence are normally in the eye wall.
- **Knot:**
A measure of speed. To convert nautical miles to miles or knots to miles per hour, multiply by 1.15. To convert miles to nautical miles or miles per hour to knots, divide by 1.15.
- **Millibar**
A metric measurement of air pressure.
- **Barometric Pressure:**
The force exerted on a surface of unit area caused by the weight of the air column above, atmospheric pressure. It indicates the presence and movement of weather patterns and affects many physical measurements.
- **North Atlantic Basin/Atlantic Basin:**
The Atlantic Ocean north of the equator, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico.

LIST OF DISTRICT EMERGENCY ORGANISATIONS

The District Emergency Organisation (DEO) is the volunteer arm of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) who is tasked with coordinating the resources of the community to facilitate effective response in the event of a crisis or disaster.

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