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Hurricanes

Hurricane Damage

Hurricane Season:
- June 1 - November 30th
- Most active: Mid-August, September, October
Things to know

Wind speed scale

less wind

more wind

Storm Surge

Mean sea level ________________________

Surge 15ft

17 ft. Storm tide

2 ft. Normal high tide

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Preparation

Have a Family Meeting

Before June 1st:
Meet with your family
Make a plan
When to go
When to go

Category 1
- Evacuate your mobile home

Category 2
- Evacuate the coast

Category 3
- Evacuate your inland home
Who to tell

Call 311 for help (in New Orleans)
Who to tell
Who to bring
Who to bring
What to take

Load the car

Take the bus
What to take

Emergency Supplies

- Gas
- Flashlight
- Water
- Canned Food
- Batteries
- Matches
What to take

Important Documents
Housing Documents

Financial Documents

School Documents

Identification Documents

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Evacuation
Hurricane watch
Hurricane warning
Contraflow

- Contraflow - both sides of the highway, driving the same way
- Look for signs and directions
- Some exits will close
Contraflow

Normal Traffic Conditions

Contraflow Traffic Conditions
Shelter Tips

• Obey rules

• Ask for help

• Know your rights
Shelter in Place

Shelter in place when:

• There is no mandatory evacuation
• You are out of the way of the storm
• You are on high ground
Returning

Be safe
Be Informed

Listen to the radio

Watch TV
Be Cautious

- Watch for storm damage
- Watch for damaged electrical lines
How to get help
How to get help

www.DisasterAssistance.gov

1-800-621-3362
Get help from:

Churches

American Red Cross

Salvation Army
Be Careful

If you smell gas, call the fire department

Boil water
Protection

Retrofit, or protect your home

Buy insurance
Mitigation - protect life and property