

# HURRICANE TIPS FOR CITIZENS



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Talbot County  
Emergency Management Agency  
605 Port Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

**24 HOUR AUTOMATED EMERGENCY  
INFORMATION NUMBER  
410-770-6860**

For Further Information call:  
410-770-8160

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO.....



### when a HURRICANE WATCH is issued for the area?

- Listen to Radio/TV for weather information.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Inspect and secure mobile home anchors.
- Prepare to cover all window/door openings.
- Have prescriptions filled.
- Secure lawn furniture, trash cans, and any other outside items.
- Plan to evacuate if you live in a mobile home, on the water, or within a flood plain.
- Make arrangements for your pets.

### when I am in a WARNING AREA?

- Continue to complete preparation activities as listed above; and
- If told to evacuate, do so **IMMEDIATELY**. Emergency personnel may not be able to respond during the hurricane if you have ignored evacuation orders.
- Stay with friends or relatives out of the area of danger or go to a public shelter if recommended.
- Notify family members of your evacuation plans.

**APPROVED SHELTERS ARE LOCATED ONLY  
IN EASTON. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT  
NO SHELTERS WILL BE OPENED IN THE TOWN OF OXFORD OR IN THE BAY  
HUNDRED AREA. PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO EVACUATION  
INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THE  
ANNOUNCED SHELTER LOCATION(S) .**

### **REVERSE 9-1-1** (Interactive Community Notification System)

In order to keep citizens informed of weather conditions, evacuation instructions, shelter openings, etc., Reverse 9-1-1 will be used, specifically targeting areas of the County likely to be impacted by a disaster. Residents' telephones will ring and upon answering, an automated notification message will begin. **PLEASE DO NOT HANG UP!** To include an unlisted number in the Reverse 9-1-1 database, please send your request to: Talbot County Emergency Management, Attn: Reverse 9-1-1, 605 Port Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

# It's Hurricane Season

- Designate an area in your home as a safe place and practice having everyone go there in response to a hurricane threat.
- Discuss the difference between watches and warnings.
- Develop a plan for getting back together with the members of your family if separated.
- Designate an out-of-area contact person that everyone can call. Make sure everyone knows the name, address, and phone number of this person.
- If remaining home, stay away from windows and doors. Stay on the first floor in a small interior room if possible. Turn the refrigerator to the highest setting and only open as absolutely necessary. Turn off utilities if instructed and shut off the valves to propane tanks.

Follow these evacuation signs posted on Route 33 (St. Michaels Rd.), Rt. 333 (Oxford Rd.), and Rt. 322 (Easton Bypass).

If hurricane warnings are issued, stay tuned to 96.7 FM/1460 AM. Listen for up-to-date advisories.



## Good News for Pet Owners

Pets are allowed in a designated area of shelters and will be separated from the shelter's general population for public health reasons. Pets must be kept in portable kennels/carriers provided by their owners. Please bring their food, medication and be available to attend to your pet's needs. By providing shelter space for pets, you won't have to worry about leaving them behind when you need to evacuate your home. Pre-registration for pet sheltering is recommended. Please contact the Humane Society at 410-822-0107 for registration forms and more detailed information.

**NOTE: Citizens with special needs should contact:**

**Talbot County Emergency Management Agency at 410-770-8160.**

We are always happy to provide advanced emergency planning assistance to you.

HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US - ARE YOU READY?

### • DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

#### • WATER

Store in plastic containers, 1 gallon of water per day, per person for a period of 3 days.

#### • FOOD

Store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable foods that do not require refrigeration, cooking, a large amount of water, or lengthy preparation. Such items might include ready to eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, juices, peanut butter, jelly, trail mix, sugar, salt, pepper. Don't forget special foods for infants and persons on special diets.

### • FIRST AID KIT

- Sterile adhesive bandages
- Scissors, tweezers
- Moist towelettes
- Antiseptic
- Petroleum jelly
- Cleanser/soap
- Aspirin/pain medicine

- Assorted sized gauze pads
- Antacid/laxatives
- Gloves
- Alcohol swabs
- Sterile water
- Medical tape
- Special medications

### • TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Paper cups, plates
- Plastic utensils
- Battery operated radio/extra batteries
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Non-electric can opener
- Pliers
- Tape
- Signal flare
- Needles & thread
- Wrench
- Map of area
- Aluminum foil

### • SANITATION

- Toilet paper
- Soap, wet wipes, washcloth
- Personal hygiene items
- Plastic garbage bags/ties
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Disinfectant
- Household bleach

### • CLOTHING/BEDDING

- At least 1 complete change of clothes/footwear per person
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Sunglasses
- Sturdy shoes/work boots
- Rain gear

### • SPECIAL ITEMS

- Infant formula, diapers
- Bottles, powdered milk
- Prescription medications, insulin, denture needs, extra eyeglasses or contacts and supplies
- Important family documents: birth certificates, marriage licenses, wills, bank account numbers, deeds, credit card numbers and companies, insurance policies, passports, cash. Keep all this in a watertight container.

