



# HURRICANE PREPARATION GUIDE

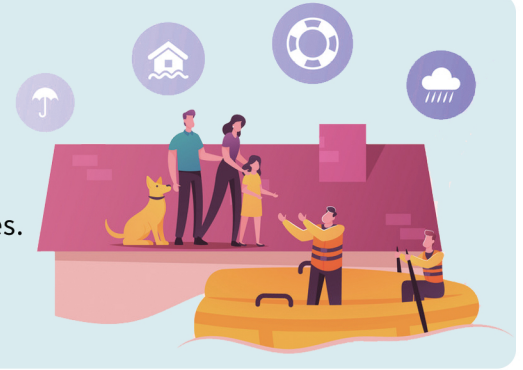
## HURRICANE SEASON RUNS FROM JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER

Here in Hawaii, hurricanes are considered a scarce occurrence, however, it is always best to be prepared for the worst-case scenario. Here is a guide to help you do just that.



## DEVELOP A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

- Locate the safest areas in your home in case of a disaster.
- Determine escape routes from your home to safe meeting places.
- Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is usually not covered by home owner's insurance.
- Post emergency phone numbers around the house; save them in cell phones.
- Designate an out-of-state friend/family that all family members know to contact.
- Make a plan for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.



## SECURING HOMES AND BUSINESSES

- Unplug all unnecessary appliances. Shut off gas valves.
- Turn refrigerators to the coldest setting. In case of power loss, don't open unless necessary.
- Tape glass windows on the inside with large Xs to reduce shattering. Draw drapes and blinds. Attach a cloth over the inside of windows to protect from flying glass.
- Board up windows with lumber.
- Check door locks to assure they won't blow open.
- Wedge sliding glass doors with a brace or broom handle to prevent them from being lifted from their tracks or being ripped loose by wind vibrations.
- Store chemicals, fertilizers and other toxic materials in a safe and secure area.
- If you need to evacuate, shut off electricity, gas, and water at their main switches/valves.
- Secure or move outdoor items that might be blown away or torn loose.



## SUPPLY DISASTER KIT

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days.
- Non-perishable food - enough for 3 to 7 days.
- Cooking tools/fuel or camping stove, manual can opener
- Paper plates, plastic utensils, and cups.
- Blankets, pillows, etc.
- Clothing
- First aid kit, medicine, and prescription drugs.
- Toiletries and hygienic items
- Flashlights and batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Keys
- Pet care items (if applicable)
- Important documents in a water proof container (insurance, medical records, Social Security card, deed to house, etc.)
- Make sure cars have full gas tanks
- Cash



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