

Emergency or Disaster Preparedness Information

Programs that increase public awareness of the measures that people can take before, during and after a major disaster or wide-scale emergency to reduce loss of life and property and improve their chances for survival.

Books & Guides

Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide

The 2023 Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide is an essential resource for families and communities.

Hurricanes are severe tropical storms, massive storm systems, that form over the open water in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Each year, many coastal communities experience threats from hurricanes including heavy rains, strong winds, rip currents, floods and coastal storm surges from tropical storms and hurricanes.

A hurricane may spawn tornadoes. Torrential rains cause further damage by causing floods and landslides, which not only threaten coastal communities but may impact communities many miles inland. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October.

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Tornadoes

Be prepared! Tornadoes may strike quickly, with little to no warning, causing extensive damage to structures and disrupting transportation, power, water, gas, communications and other services in their direct path and in neighboring areas.

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Emergency Kit List from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

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Disaster Preparedness and Recovery for Older Adults

While everyone is at risk during a natural weather-related disaster or similar emergency, older adults can be especially vulnerable during these challenging times.

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[National Institute on Aging](#)

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Hurricanes: Preparedness and Evacuation

Important information about hurricane preparedness and evacuation guidance.

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Videos

FEMA Accessibility and Adaptive Items Covered After Disaster

This FEMA video explains what accessibility and adaptive items are covered under FEMA assistance if they are damaged by a disaster.

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[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)

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HEAT.Gov - National Integrated Heat Health Information System

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Financial safety: The often forgotten piece of disaster preparedness

After a natural disaster, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records can help people starting the recovery process quickly. There are a few things taxpayers can do to help protect their financial safety in a disaster situation.

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[Internal Revenue Service](#)

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Resources for Dealing with Weather Emergencies

Learn about resources to help you deal with weather emergencies.

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[Federal Trade Commission](#)

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