



## **Hurricane Preparedness...**

### **Are YOU Ready???**

The Atlantic hurricane season, **June through November**, is the period in a year when hurricanes usually form in the Atlantic Ocean. Tropical cyclones in the North Atlantic are called hurricanes, tropical storms, or tropical depressions. In addition, there have been several storms over the years that have not been fully tropical and are categorized as subtropical depressions and subtropical storms. The Atlantic season peaks from late August through September each year with the peak of activity around September 10.

Tropical disturbances that reach tropical storm intensity are named from a pre-determined list. On average, 10.1 named storms occur each season, with an average of 5.9 becoming hurricanes and 2.5 becoming major, Category 3 or greater, hurricanes. Historically the most active season was 2005 during which 28 tropical cyclones formed, of which a record 15 became hurricanes. The least active season was 1914 with only one known tropical cyclone developing during that year.

To help you get ready for the season, you and your family need to make plans as well as think about evacuation if that should be necessary. In addition, you need to consider pets and even your home in your storm plans. Family members with special medical needs may add additional levels of planning needs.

Many organizations produce supply lists, hurricane plans and checklists to assist you in your planning. Once you have a plan, don't put it away and forget about it. Practice each year to make sure your plan is still workable for your family's needs. It is always better to be prepared than to be caught off guard with a hurricane approaching.

#### **Hurricane Planning Sources**

[\*\*Together Against the Weather\*\*](#) was created to help people with access and functional support needs better plan and prepare for hurricanes in the 13-county region of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The Together Against the Weather strategies and tool kit of materials were developed to help overcome challenges experienced by the program's targeted audiences and to encourage the formation of supportive partnerships in advance of a storm.

[\*\*Ready Gov\*\*](#) offers strategies and tool kits for preparing for hurricanes with individuals with disabilities as well as access and functional needs. You will find plans, videos and emergency information.

**Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management** is responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of all Homeland Security and emergency management related activities for Montgomery County. OHSEM also coordinates the activities for the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that, when activated, is a central location where representatives of local government, non-profit partners, and private sector agencies convene during disaster situations to make decisions, set priorities and coordinate resources for response and recovery.

## **Supply List Suggestions**

**Ready Gov**

**US Coast Guard**

**Red Cross**

### **Additional Sources:**

**American Red Cross**

**Houston TranStar** (traffic)

**FEMA**

**National Weather Service (NWS)**

**National Hurricane Center**

**DisasterAssistance.gov**

**Listo Gov (Spanish)**

**Office of the Governor**

**Ready or Not? Have a Plan**

**Recover Texas**

**San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA)**