



## Duplin County Emergency Services



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

2018

## It Only Takes One: Prepare Now for the 2018 Hurricane Season

The 2018 hurricane season begins June 1st. This year, we encourage all Duplin County employees and citizens to take the time to prepare for their families and homes for hurricanes and related impacts. Hurricanes are one of nature's most powerful and destructive natural disasters that we face. It only takes one to change your life. It's not just major hurricanes that we need to worry about. Hurricanes such as Sandy and Isaac and Matthew remind us that significant impacts can occur without it being a major hurricane at landfall. As the season begins, now is the time to prepare. Here is what you can do to get ready:

*"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail"*

- Benjamin Franklin

**Know your Risk:** To search for general information about risks in your area, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and <https://readync.org/EN/Index.html>. Check out NOAA's historical hurricane tracks tool to check the severity and frequency of past hurricanes in your area by following this [link](#).

**Get Prepared:** As a storm approaches, it is often too late to get ready. Before it is too late make sure you:

• **Know your zone.** Evacuations are more common than people realize. Make yourself familiar with your community's evacuation zones, so you'll know exactly where to go. *Remember:* if a hurricane threatens your community and local officials say it's time to evacuate, don't hesitate -- go early.

• **Complete a family communication plan.** Plan how you will assemble your family and loved ones, and anticipate where you will go for different situations. Get together with your family and agree on the ways to contact one another in an emergency, identify meeting

locations, and make a [Family Emergency Communication Plan](#).

• **Download the FEMA app.** The FEMA app includes disaster resources, weather alerts, safety tips, and a new feature that will enable users to receive push notifications to their devices to prepare their homes and families for disasters. The app also provides a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, maps of open shelters and recovery centers, tips on how to survive disasters, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service.

• **Check your insurance coverage.** Many states have increased deductibles for hurricanes and not all hurricane-related losses are covered under traditional policies. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage or losses from flooding. Review your policy, ensure you're adequately covered and understand exclusions, and contact your agent for any changes. If you're not insured against flood, talk to your agent or visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). Renter's

insurance policies are also available and should be considered as a way of protecting your belongings.

**Stay Informed:** Know where to go for trusted sources of information during a hurricane event.

[Sign up for alerts on Hyper-Reach](#)  
Duplin County Emergency Management office so notifications, including evacuation orders, go directly to your phone and/or email. Monitor local news for hurricane watches and warnings in your area and follow directions of local officials. Make sure you have a battery-operated or hand-crank radio available should the power go out.

**In the event they are needed, Duplin County has pre-designated shelter locations that may be opened in times of need:**

Beulaville Elementary School-138  
Lyman Road Beulaville

Wallace Elementary School-4260 S.  
NC 11 Hwy Wallace

North Duplin Elementary School-157  
North Duplin School Road, Mt. Olive

James Kenan High School-1241 NC  
24&50 Hwy, Warsaw (Pet Friendly  
Location)

*For updates on emergency situations and shelter opening locations, visit our Duplin County Emergency Management Facebook page by clicking the facebook icon below,*



*Or contact the Emergency Services offices at (910) 296-2160*

**NC Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 13th - 20th! [Click Here!](#)**