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## Hurricane Preparation Guide

### Hurricane season runs from June through November

Thankfully considered a scarce occurrence here in the Hawaiian Islands, only 5 hurricanes have caused any serious damage to the islands since 1950, the last major one being Hurricane Iniki in 1992. However, it is always best to be prepared for the worst-case scenario and 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 owners 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 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 the 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 from 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 switch/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
- Manual can opener
- Cooking tools/fuel or camping stove
- Paper plates, plastic utensils, cups
- Blankets, pillows, etc.
- Clothing
- First aid kit, medicine, and prescription drugs
- Toiletries and hygienic items
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Keys
- Pet care items, if applicable
- Important documents in a waterproof container (insurance, medical records, Social Sec. card, deeds to house, etc.)
- Make sure cars have full gas tanks
- Cash – banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods.

#### Maui Emergency Contacts<sup>1</sup> and Websites

Police / Fire / Ambulance 911  
 American Red Cross 244.0051  
 Board of Water Supply 270.7304  
 Civil Defense Agency 270.7285  
 Hawaiian Humane Society 877.3680  
 Gas Co. Emergency Services 877.6557  
 Maui Electric Company 871.9777  
 Ocean Safety & Lifeguard Service 270.6136  
 Pacific Disaster Center 891.0525  
 U.S. Coast Guard 842.2600  
 Weather Forecast 944.5025

American Red Cross [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
 Central Pacific Hurricane Center [www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl)  
 FEMA<sup>2</sup> [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
 Hawaii Disaster Preparedness [www.getreadyhawaii.org](http://www.getreadyhawaii.org)  
 Hawaii State Civil Defense [www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov)  
 National Weather Service [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)  
 Pacific Disaster Center [www.pdc.org](http://www.pdc.org)

NOAA Weather Radio Station KBA99 Serving Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai & part of Big Island on 162.55 & 162.4

1. All area codes "808"  
 2. Federal Emergency Management Agency

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