

ARE YOU RED STICK READY

for Hurricanes?

*The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on June 1st and lasts through November 30th.
It's important to plan ahead to ensure safety during an emergency. Use these tips to
get **Red Stick Ready** for Hurricanes!*

BEFORE A HURRICANE:

- Create a family emergency communication plan to include important phone numbers.
- Build a disaster supply kit to include but not limited to a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid kit, medications, and your important documents.
- Don't forget about supplies for your pets!
- Fuel your vehicles, generators, and gas cans.
- Trim or remove damaged trees and limbs around your home.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged areas or debris to lessen water damage to your property.
- Reduce property damage by retrofitting to secure and reinforce your roof, windows and doors, including the garage doors.

DURING A HURRICANE:

- Know the difference between a Hurricane Watch and Warning - Hurricane Watch means conditions **possible** within the next 48 hours. Hurricane Warning means conditions are **expected** within 36 hours.
- Use the BuddySystem™ to check on your neighbors, friends, and family.
- Listen to local officials for updates and instructions.
- Stay informed with real time information by:
 - Monitoring your local weather radio and TV stations.
 - Follow Red Stick Ready on Facebook and Twitter.
 - Download the free Red Stick Ready app on your smartphone.

AFTER A HURRICANE:

- Check-in with family and friends.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Report utility outages to your provider.
- Stay away from downed trees and power lines.
- Document damages and notify your insurance provider.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Practice electrical safety and proper ventilation when using extension cords and portable generators.

For more information contact MOHSEP at (225) 389-2100, follow us @RedStickReady on Facebook and Twitter, and download the Red Stick Ready mobile application - free on Apple and Android devices by searching "Red Stick Ready".

