

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE

HURRICANE PREPARATION

The NOAA Climate Prediction Center is projecting a 75 percent chance that the Atlantic Hurricane Season will be above normal this year. With the start of the hurricane season upon us, NOAA recommends those in hurricane-prone regions to begin their preparation plans.

As a reminder, here are some basic things we should all do to prepare ourselves and our families:

1. Know what a hurricane can do and what a Hurricane Watch and Warning means, especially if you are new to the east coast and hurricane prone areas.
2. Learn about the York County's emergency management plans and VDOT evacuation plans.
3. Prepare a personal evacuation plan.
4. Assemble a disaster supply kit.
5. Prepare for high winds.
6. Know what to do when a hurricane watch or warning are issued and what to do after a hurricane.

Do not wait for a hurricane warning to begin your preparations. Plan and prepare now. There are numerous web sites and documents that are published that can help you prepare yourself and family for this type of emergency. You can contact the York County Fire and Life Safety emergency management office at 890-3600 or go to their web site at www.yorkcounty.gov/fls/em/index.htm Additional information can be found at our Tabb Lakes Emergency Response Committee web site at www.tabblakes.org/CERT/TabbWebCERT.html This site has numerous links to organizations such as the Red Cross, Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the CDC with information on preparing for hurricanes.

Be knowledgeable. Be prepared.



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