

This Month:

Hurricane Preparedness Week

Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 7-13, 2017)

is your time to prepare for a potential land-falling tropical storm or hurricane. It only takes one storm to change your life and community. Tropical cyclones are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena. If you live in an area prone to tropical cyclones, you need to be prepared. Even areas well away from the coastline can be threatened by dangerous flooding, destructive winds and tornadoes from these storms. Learn how with the daily tips and related links within this newsletter. Share these with your friends and family to ensure that they're prepared as well.



"Any amount of preparation can make a difference."

~ Scott Minarcine

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Preparedness Tips

- **Sunday, May 7th – Determine your risk** – [Find out](#) today what types of wind and water hazards could happen where you live, and then start preparing now for how to handle them.
- **Monday, May 8th – Develop an evacuation plan** – Put an evacuation plan in writing for you and those you care about.
- **Tuesday, May 9th – Assemble disaster supplies**— Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week.
- **Wednesday, May 10th – Get an insurance check-up** – Make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or even replace your home, car, and boat.
- **Thursday, May 11th – Strengthen your home** – Make your home is in good repair and up to local hurricane [building code specifications](#).
- **Friday, May 12th – Check on Your Neighbor** – Many people rely on the assistance of neighbors before and after hurricanes.
- **Saturday, May 13th – Complete your written hurricane plan** – Having a [plan](#) prepared, before a hurricane threatens, makes the difference between your being a hurricane victim and a hurricane survivor.

National Heat Awareness Day

When it's hot outside, stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed! Extremely hot weather can cause serious health effects such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke or even death. Infants and young children are especially sensitive to the effects of extreme heat and rely on others to keep them safe. Even the most responsible parents can unknowingly leave their child in a vehicle. Experts say check your backseat and look before you lock.



Are you prepared?

Upcoming Dates

May 8 : World Red Cross Day

May 20 : MRC—Tour of Gwinnet Fire Academy

May 26 : National Heat Awareness Day

Hurricane Facts

- Every second, a large hurricane releases the energy of 10 atomic bombs. ¹
- [Hurricanes 101](#): What to Know to Weather the Storm

¹The Weather Channel

