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Harford County Offers Safety Tips for 2018 Hurricane Season

BEL AIR, Md., (May 30, 2018) – Hurricanes can produce destructive winds over 150 miles per hour, flooding from torrential rain, devastating high tides, and even tornadoes. The hurricane season affecting Harford County runs from June 1 to November 30, with most hurricane-like weather seen in mid-August through late October. Preparing for hurricanes and other serious storms helps protect you, your family, and your community.

“The recent flooding in Ellicott City is a reminder of nature’s destructive power and the need to prepare,” Harford County Director of Emergency Services Edward Hopkins said. “It only takes one storm to have a lasting impact our community.”

The Harford County Department of Emergency Services offers the following safety tips for hurricane season:

- Sign up now to receive Harford County’s emergency alerts: <https://harfordcounty.bbcportal.com/>
- Make an emergency plan with your family
- Familiarize yourself with emergency evacuation routes and high ground in your area
- Have an emergency supply kit ready with a minimum of 3 to 7 days of nonperishable food and water (1 gallon of water per person per day at a minimum)
- Place copies of important documents and cash in a sealed plastic bag in your supply kit
- Remember to stock food and water for your pets
- Check your supply of prescription medicines and ensure that you have extra on hand
- Ensure that cell phones and other mobile devices are fully charged
- Check in on elderly neighbors or anyone without a support network
- Monitor weather conditions and follow instructions when issued
- Stay tuned to radio station WXCY 103.7 FM and local TV news for official weather information

“Harford County’s first responders and emergency service providers are ready to assist when disaster strikes, but citizens who prepare by taking these simple steps will help keep everyone stay safe this hurricane season,” County Executive Barry Glassman said.

To view or print a copy of Harford County’s Emergency Preparedness Guide, please visit <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5328>.

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