

WHO SHOULD EVACUATE ?

Persons living on the coast or on an island should be prepared to evacuate when the Belize National Meteorological Services (BNMS) and NEMO declares the approach of a powerful storm.

An evacuation will normally be declared before pre-storm tides and flooding prevent residents from reaching safety.

Other residents of Belize should stay tuned to their radios as soon as the approach of a powerful storm is known. NEMO and the BNMS will broadcast regular bulletins indicating those areas that are to be evacuated.

**NEVER LISTEN TO RUMORS
GET THE FACTS!**

Normally, the announcement of a HURRICANE WATCH means that a hurricane is approaching and may strike in an area within 24-48 hours. This is usually sufficient time to evacuate an area safely.

When an evacuation order is given follow the instructions given by the BNMS/NEMO official.

Plan your evacuation route ahead of time. Contact family and friends before the approach of a storm so they may make advance preparations for your arrival. Or let someone know your destination.

You will not be asked to evacuate unless your life is seriously threatened. If you are asked to leave your home, do so as quickly as possible and in an orderly manner.

RECOMMENDED HOME SUPPLIES

We recommend you keep these items at home in a separate container labelled "HURRICANE KIT" so they are easily available when needed.

- *Battery Operated Radio
- *Flashlights
- *Extra Batteries
- *Non-electric can opener
- *Matches
- *Canned or Non-Perishable Foods & Drinks
- *Extra Prescription Medication
- *Baby food, diapers and formula
- *First-Aid Kit
- *Portable Cooler
- *Potable water
- *Eating utensils
- *Toiletries
- *Emergency Cooking Accessories
- *Battery-operated Lantern
- *Fire extinguishers

Items To Bring To A Public Shelter

- *First Aid Kits
- *Medication
- *Baby food, diapers
- *Card games, books, childrens' toys
- *Toiletries
- *Battery-operated radios
- *Flashlights
- *Extra Batteries
- *Blanket or sleeping bags
- *Identification cards and valuable documents (Insurance, Passports, Birth Certificates, etc.)

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HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

(For Households & Individuals)



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&
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DURING HURRICANE SEASON

Check to be certain your emergency equipment is in good working condition.

Store sufficient household supplies and food for at least two (2) weeks.

Obtain and store items necessary for the welfare of your pet.

Review your insurance policy. Ensure it provides adequate coverage for wind and water damage.

Consider if you will need to evacuate elderly persons at home. Keep a list of their prescribed medications on hand and remember to keep them in mind when reviewing your food and water storage plans.

DISABLED PERSONS

If a member of your household is bed-ridden and requires constant medical care or has electrical life-support equipment within the home, seek medical advice and instructions far ahead of the storm's approach.

Notify NEMO Authorities ahead of the storm if you have persons in your neighborhood who may require special assistance to evacuate due to a medical condition.



GENERAL HOME SAFETY TIPS

When a HURRICANE WATCH is announced take the following actions at home:

* Bring in objects that can be blown away. Garbage cans, garden tools, furniture and potted plants should not be left outside as they can become missiles when high winds arrive.

* Anchor objects that are too large to bring indoors.

* Latch shutters or install pre-cut plywood over windows to protect them.

* Do not trim trees on the approach of a hurricane as their branches may become missiles.

* Place valuables and personal documents in waterproof containers and store in the highest possible location at home.

* Turn your refrigeration and freezer to the coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary. Should electrical power be cut, these appliances can maintain food-preserving temperatures for up to 2 days without electricity.

* Ensure your home has emergency water supply before the hurricane strikes. Plan for 2 quarts of drinking water per person per day for 2 weeks and consider storing water for bathing and general sanitation.

* Stay Tuned to the Radio for Official Hurricane Information.

PUBLIC SHELTERS

It is important to remember that public shelters are temporary places of accommodations that must be shared with other persons who are seeking safety from the storm.

The following guidelines should apply when you are using a public shelter:

* Eat before leaving home as hot meals may not be available during the first 24 hours after the storm has struck.

* DO NOT go to a shelter unless it has been officially declared opened by NEMO officials.

* Bring only those items that are indicated for use in a shelter.

* Follow ALL instructions given by AUTHORIZED Shelter Wardens.

* Pets are NOT allowed in shelters.

