



# National Emergency Management Organization

*“Preserving Life and Property”*

## ADVISORY NO. 1 HURRICANE BERYL

As at 9:00 PM, MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2024

The National Meteorological Service of Belize and the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) hereby inform the general public that at 9:00 p.m. (local time) Hurricane Beryl was located over the southeastern Caribbean Sea near latitude 13.8N, longitude 64.9W. Beryl was moving to the west-northwest at 22 mph with maximum sustained winds of 160 mph and minimum central pressure of 938 mb. Beryl is to continue on a general west to west-north-westward track for the next few days. On this forecast path the system will move across the southeastern Caribbean Sea on Tuesday and move just to the south of Jamaica on Wednesday and then enter the northwestern Caribbean Sea on Thursday and make landfall either on Belize or north of Belize on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico late Thursday night or early Friday morning. Some weakening is expected when Beryl enters the Central Caribbean Sea, but it is still expected to make landfall as a significant hurricane.



It is possible that this system can start to affect the country of Belize late on Thursday with heavy rainfall and strong gusty winds which may result in damage to structures and flooding across low-lying and flood prone areas of the country.

NEMO advises the general public to:

1. Ensure your family emergency plan is updated and that your emergency food, water and medical supplies stocks are sufficient. Include the elderly and people with disabilities in your planning.
2. Make early preparations to leave high risks areas; **voluntarily relocate to a safe location before the system makes landfall if you live in a low-lying area or vulnerable coastal community**. Know which shelter you will go to. If you are not certain, please contact the NEMO District Coordinator in your area.
3. Be prepared to secure your home, and your important documents. Secure loose objects and flammable material.
4. Municipalities and the public are advised to start clearing drains to reduce flooding.

Residents are advised to continue monitoring this system very closely and to follow official information coming from NEMO and the Met Service. Countrywide, all NEMO district emergency operations center will be activated on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

NEMO's emergency hotline is 936. Stay alert, be prepared. Stay tuned for the National Met Service weather bulletins and the NEMO advisories.

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