



DEEP CREEK SHORES CERT STORM (HURRICANE) PREPAREDNESS 2023 HURRICANE SEASON

The 2023 Hurricane season is 1 June to 30 November

NOAA forecast for Atlantic basin

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| 12 - 17 Named storms | 39 mph or greater (Tropical Storm) |
| of which | |
| 5 - 9 Hurricanes | 74 mph or greater (CAT 1 & 2) |
| of which | |
| 1 - 4 Major Hurricanes | 111 mph or greater (CAT 3, 4 & 5) |

How to prepare

Preparation for a hurricane begins long before a storm event forms.
DCS CERT members are available to residents to provide guidance.

Attached is an information sheet. This must be filled out and submitted if CERT assistance is desired following a storm event

Hurricane preparation starts with understanding the local and regional aspects related to major storm events. Once this understanding is gained, plans can be made to "weather" the storm.

What to know

- What are the dangers and discomforts storm events present. Such as loss of power (A/C, lights, stove) plus loss of communication (phone and internet)
- What supplies are needed to survive 3 - 7 days without power, water and access to outside access to food & medicine.
- What the evacuation routes are.
- What local Emergency Management and services are available during and after a storm.
- How to be notified of developing storm events.
- What are the available information resources.

Planning - Stay or Go

Key to the Stay or Go decision is the level of danger and discomfort the family wishes to endure.

If a Go decision is the choice, it is recommended that departure is at least 72 hours ahead of land fall due to heavy evacuation traffic from the OBX. It is advised to have a prearranged destination and a go bag with several days of supplies.

If stay is decided then it is advised to be prepared with emergency power, five days of supplies including water.

Several preparation guides are available - see the list of on-line resources and the following list of actions.

CERT: List of suggested preparation actions for a Tropical Storm/Hurricane Event

This list is in no order of priority and is designed for stay in place residents (Date: 10 Aug 2021)

- Make sure pharmacy prescriptions are sufficient
- Call insurance agent, is everything current, Homeowners, Wind and Hail, and Flood (do it now)
- Fill cars with fuel, fill boats (can use fuel for generators)
- Fill all gas containers and store in shed outside of house
- Fill all propane portable tanks, check large tanks and fill prior to hurricane season
- Remove boats from lifts, park trailers east of big trees if possible. Remove covers, lower tops & secure, charge batteries, make sure boats are lashed to the trailer, drop tongue to ground
- Secure boat lift bunks, lower to bottom without spooling cable, or raise up and tie to poles
- Shut off all power to the dock
- Secure dock furniture, remove anything flooding will damage
- Charge starter batteries, boat batteries, mower batteries, etc.
- Test emergency radios, set up charging station in central area for all rechargeable batteries
- Test generators, ensure fresh gas/Stabil, load up with portable heater to test engagement of brushes
- Have accurate, sequenced generator checklist if connecting to house power supply
- Assemble all flashlights, lanterns and ensure enough batteries (buy early!)
- Wash and dry all dirty clothes.
- Three days out, turn freezers to max cold, fill all empty space with water jugs.
- Do not water lawns prior to tropical storms no matter how dry.
- Secure hurricane panels (plywood or plastic) inside house garage. Install before winds begin
- Ensure screens on east side of house have drain holes or windows will leak under pressure
- Take all trash and recyclables to the dump
- Secure outside furniture, toys, anything the wind can move
- Keep several good tarps ready for after storm use. NONE will be available in stores.
- Keep some 5-gal buckets handy, for drip collectors
- Day before storm, fill water containers (guest bath tubs, plastic trash containers, etc)
- Have some bleach handy for future use to sterilize toilet bowl water
- Get cash from ATM
- Photo or film outside of house, especially roof, and all contents inside (insurance)
- Have a plan for important documents if flooding starts
- Stake and rope small trees if necessary
- Remove all outdoor flags, house wall hangings, plants, etc
- Stock up on long term food supplies: canned goods, dried fruit, nuts
- Stock up on pet supplies/food/litter
- Have dry towels ready for wind side of house near doors and windows. Raise blinds to monitor
- Make sure garage doors are down and pinned
- Check all fire extinguishers, get new ones as needed
- Night before storm: Grill a steak, drink some nice wine/beer, sit back and enjoy the ride.

List of on-line resources

Plan, Prepare Stay informed	https://readync.org
Make a Plan	www.ready.gov
Preparation (FEMA)	https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app
Red Cross	www.redcross.org
Weather National Hurricane Center	www.nhc.noaa.gov
Weather Mikes weather page	https://spaghettimodels.com/
Weather - Underground	https://www.wunderground.com/

List of Radio stations

92.3 WZPR
98.1 WOBX
104.1 WCXL
1240 WCNC
1530 WOBX

What to expect**If Go**

- Heavy traffic - Possible traffic jams
- Possibility of enduring the storm on the road.
- Non availability of motel/hotel rooms
- Re-entry to the County or region, following a storm may be difficult.

If Stay

- Power outage before, during and after the storm. May last days
- Cell phone outage or oversubscribed.
- Land line phone/internet outage
- Satellite internet and TV intermittent or out.
- Roads blocked with high water, downed trees, debris and power lines.
- Emergency services unavailable before, during and after the storm.

County & State

- County ambulances stop service when sustained winds are 35mph
- County EMS, FIRE and Law Enforcement service ceases when mandatory evacuation is announced - normally at CAT III
- OBX may issue mandatory evacuation for visitors 72 hrs before landfall.
- OBX evacuation routes are Hwy 158 and 64 to I-95. NC-17 will also carry evac traffic.
- Debris removal contract in place for Perquimans county

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Deep Creek Shores CERT
DISASTER EVENT RESIDENT INFORMATION

In the event you may decide to evacuate or stay due to an approaching hurricane or other emergency event, our community CERT requests the following actions and considerations:

1. Property preparations:

- a. Turn off propane supply at tank. If you evacuate
- b. Store or secure outside items which may be moved by high winds.
- c. Turn off non-essential electric circuit breakers. If you evacuate
- d. Remove your boat from the water and secure.

2. Information: Your CERT needs the following information to assist you if you evacuate.

- a. Cell phone number(s) with text capability _____
- b. Evacuation location & Land Line phone, if known _____
- c. Location of a key to your home. Recommend give a neighbor or CERT member (who will not evacuate) a key to your home to allow CERT access to assess damage.

- d. Identify location of propane tank and electrical shutoff. (see back of this page)

3. Post Event CERT actions: After a disaster event, when it is safe for CERT members, they will conduct an external damage assessment and search & rescue of each home in the neighborhood, only if the resident expressly grants permission for CERT access to the property. (See paragraph 4 below).

- a. CERT will provide emergency, life-threatening medical care and basic first aid to injured persons to the limit of their training and capability during the interim until professional services arrive. CERT/injured party will call 911.
- b. CERT will not enter vacated homes, damaged or not, unless prior permission is granted.

4. Permissions:

- a. Do you grant permission for CERT access to your property to conduct post event external damage assessment and search & rescue? Yes_____ No_____
- b. Do you grant permission for CERT access to conduct a victim Search and Rescue in your residence if needed? Yes_____ No_____
- c. Do you grant permission for CERT to administer aid/care to injured parties until Emergency Services arrive? Yes_____ No_____
- d. Do you grant permission for CERT to shut off utilities (gas, power & water) to prevent additional damage to your property? Yes_____ No_____

Please sign and date.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to one of the below

Jim McKeever, 113 Sophie's Way	jpmckeever@yahoo.com
Ron Moorman, 264 Seeview Lane	ronmgm@gmail.com
Dan Gurganus, 186 Seeview Lane	djgurgani@gmail.com

1. Property Address: _____
2. Please indicate the location of your LP shutoff valve.
3. Please indicate the location of your electrical power shutoff box.

FRONT OF HOME



BACK OF HOME