

HURRICANE EVACUATION PLAN



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RADIO STATIONS

KCTM 103.1 FM KGBT 840 AM
KTEX 100.3 FM
KKPS 99.5 FM
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TELEVISION STATIONS

CBS TV-CHANNEL 4
ABC TV-CHANNEL 5
KVEO TV-CHANNEL 23
UNIVISION TV-CHANNEL 48

CONDITIONS OF READINESS

The potential for damage from tropical cyclones is significant and warrants planned responses and preparation. The following Conditions of Readiness are intended to advise NAS Corpus Christi personnel of the onset of destructive winds.

Tropical Cyclone Condition V. The Condition of Readiness to be maintained throughout the Atlantic tropical cyclone season, 1 June - 30 November.

Command Expectations: Develop family plan.

Tropical Cyclone Condition IV. Trend indicates a possible threat of destructive winds (50 knots or greater) within 72 hours. Review destructive weather implementation plans.

Command Expectations: Top off gas tank. Ensure you have emergency money on hand. Start packing for evacuation. Move items such as lawn furniture and toys inside home.

Tropical Cyclone Condition III. Destructive winds (50 knots or greater) are anticipated within 48 hours. All possible measures to protect personnel, facilities and equipment should be completed as soon as possible.

Command Expectations: Evacuate in a safe and orderly fashion when commanded.

Tropical Cyclone Condition II. Destructive winds (50 knots or greater) are anticipated within 24 hours. Take precaution that will permit establishment of an appropriate state of readiness on short notice.

Tropical Cyclone Condition I. Destructive winds (50 knots or greater) are occurring or anticipated within 12 hours or less. All possible measures to protect personnel, facilities and equipment should be completed.

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

- o First Aid Kit
- o Flashlight with plenty of extra batteries
- o Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- o Prescription medications in their original bottle
- o Eyeglasses
- o Bottled Water (at least 1 gallon per person)

- o Foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking(canned foods,*manual can opener)
- o Items that infants/elderly household members may require
- o Medical equipment a person might need
- o Change of clothes for each household member
- o Sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow for each household member
- o Checkbook, cash, and credit cards
- o Mosquito repellent
- o Infant Supplies that include sterile water, diapers, ready formula, bottles, etc.
- o Plastic trash bags

Water Proof Containers to hold:

- o Photographs & List of possessions for insurance purposes
- o Wills, deeds, & copies of recent tax returns
- o Stocks, bonds, and other negotiable certificates
- o Copies of prescriptions
- o Insurance papers
- o Driver's licenses
- o Birth & marriage certificate
- o Proof of residence (deed or lease)
- o Social Security card

HURRICANE PREPARATIONS

Make a PLAN and a LIST.

Find out if your are in an evacuation zone. If you are, decide where you will go if you need to evacuate - a relative's house, a friend's house or perhaps a hotel. Make a list of articles you will need to take along if you have to evacuate (this includes your disaster supplies kit). If you plan on staying in your home, make a list of what supplies you will need for your disaster supplies kit.

Keep your car's gas tank FULL.

Top the gas tank in your car off every couple of days. Lines get long, the gas supply becomes scarce and even non-existent the closer a storm gets to your area. Also, gas pumps do not operate without electricity and may not be available for days after a storm.

PROTECT Your Home & Valuables

If there's a chance the weather may get worse or flooding may happen, take steps now to protect your home and belongings. Do this only if local officials have not asked you to leave.

Protect your home.

Bring things indoors. Lawn furniture, trash cans, children's toys, garden equipment, clotheslines, hanging plants and any other objects that may fly around and damage property should be brought indoors.

Leave trees and shrubs alone. If you did not cut away dead or diseased branches or limbs from trees and shrubs, leave them alone. Local rubbish collection services will not have time before the storm to pick anything up.

Look for potential hazards. Look for coconuts, unripened fruit, and other objects in trees around your property that could blow or break off and fly around in high winds. Cut them off and store them indoors until the storm is over.

Turn off electricity and water. Turn off electricity at the main fuse or breaker, and turn off water at the main valve.

Leave natural gas on. Unless local officials advise otherwise, leave natural gas on because you will need it for heating and cooking when you return home. If you turn gas off, a licensed professional is required to turn it back on, and it may take weeks for a professional to respond.

Turn off propane gas service. Propane tanks often become dislodged in disasters.

If flooding is expected, consider using sand bags to keep water away from your home. It takes two people about one hour to fill and place 100 sandbags, giving you a wall one foot high and 20 feet long. Make sure you have enough sand, burlap or plastic bags, shovels, strong helpers, and time to place them properly.

Remember. Houses do not explode due to air pressure differences. Damage happens when wind gets inside a home through a broken window, door, or damaged roof.

Cover the outside of windows with shutters or plywood. Use shutters that are rated to provide significant protection from windblown debris, or fit plywood coverings over all windows. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking. All tape does is prevent windows from shattering. Using tape on windows is not recommended.

Protect your valuables.

Move objects that may get damaged by wind or water to safer areas of your home. Move television sets, computers, stereo and electronic equipment, and easily moveable appliances like a microwave oven to higher levels of your home and away from windows. Wrap them in sheets, blankets, or burlap.

Make a visual or written record of all of your household possessions. Record model and serial numbers. This list could help

you prove the value of what you owned if those possessions are damaged or destroyed, and can assist you to claim deductions on taxes.

Do this for all items in your home, including expensive items such as sofas, chairs, tables, beds, chests, wall units, and any other furniture too heavy to move. Store a copy of the record somewhere away from home, such as in a safe deposit box.

If it's possible that your home may be significantly damaged by impending disaster, consider storing your household furnishings temporarily elsewhere.

Pets

Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets because of the states' health and safety regulations and other considerations. Service animals that assist people with disabilities are the only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in the midst of a disaster, so it is best to plan ahead.

-Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars and securely fastened, up-to-date identification. Attach the phone number and address of a friend or relative outside the disaster area to your pet's ID tag.

-Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date.

-Keep a current photo of your pet with you.

-Do not leave your pet unattended during a hurricane. A secure room, a few days supply of food and water does not mean your pet will be safe.

-Call ahead to confirm temporary housing arrangements for your pets. Temporary shelters DO NOT allow pets. Some hotels/motels do allow pets, but an additional fee and/or security deposit is necessary and these accommodations fill up quickly.

General Information

Useful Phone Numbers

Starr County Sheriffs Department	956-487-5571
Rio Grande City Police Department	956-487-8892
Rio Grande City Fire Department	956-487-5312
Starr County Memorial Hospital	956-487-5561
American Red Cross "Pharr"	956-787-7851

Shelters

Grulla Middle School (6th grade Campus

Alternative Center/Old La Union

Ringgold Middle School GYM

Other Counties: Building 1, 2, & 3

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