

Fire and Rescue Services Tips for Hurricane Preparation

Before Hurricane Season

Prepare a hurricane disaster plan

Map your route to the nearest shelter (there are none on James Island) you need to know how to get there BEFORE the need arises

Prepare your family disaster supplies kit

Before a storm

Review your plans and check supplies

Evacuate when ordered to do so by the governor. (Help may not be available for hours to days)

Prepare your home and yard by removing debris, removing dead branches, clean gutters, install hurricane shutters, and bring any items that may blow around inside.

If you choose to shelter in place, an interior room with no windows is best.

Select a family member that you call to let them know you are ok and call the other family members to reduce traffic on already busy phone and cellular lines.

During a storm

Stay in your home, if you have not evacuated. Citizens on roadways create additional safety hazards for first responders.

Use flashlights or lanterns instead of candles.

Do not be fooled by the eye of the storm. The calm can quickly turn into the worst part of the storm.

Tornados are often spawned by hurricanes, stay in the interior area of your home.

If an emergency arises, call 9-1-1 but understand it may be hours or even days before help can arrive.

After a storm

Pay attention to news and weather reports

Check your home for damage.

Stay away from power or other lines that may be down.

DO NOT drive into flood waters. TURN AROUND-DON'T Drown

Obey detours and all orders from first responders

Stay out of damaged buildings

Additional Information:

The Fire Department does not provide sand bags

All Emergency Response ceases when winds are sustained at 40 mph

If you have questions, please call the on-duty Battalion Chief (843) 270-1583

You may also call Chief Seabolt at (843) 270-1556