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NEXs Stock Merchandise Needed For Hurricane Season

Hurricane season begins June 1 and lasts until December 1. For hurricane season, the NEX offers the newest and most necessary items to help prepare for and recover from hurricanes and other natural disasters.

“Emergencies can strike anyone at any time,” said Channing Williams, Navy Exchange Service Command’s (NEXCOM) hardware and automotive buyer. “Beginning in June, many of our stores will have dedicated Emergency Preparedness sections so that you can easily locate all of the supplies you will need to keep yourself, your family and your home safe. NEXs have everything you need to create your own Emergency Preparedness kit.”

An Emergency Preparedness kit should contain food and water for seven days, flashlights, fresh batteries, blankets, battery operated radio or television, First Aid kit, pet food (if needed), plastic bags, plastic tarps, diapers (if needed), manual can opener and hygiene supplies. “All these items should be placed in waterproof containers and checked periodically for freshness and restocking” said Williams.

Besides generators, other items that are available at the NEX are ladders, power tools, propane tanks, waterproof safes and camping supplies. As always, customers save an average 20 percent off merchandise purchased from the NEX, not including sales tax.

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The following is a list of preparedness tips for hurricane season, courtesy of NOAA National Weather Service:

Impending Storm, Make Plans for Action

- Learn the storm surge history and elevation of your area
- Learn safe routes inland
- Learn location of official shelters
- Determine where to move your boat in an emergency
- Trim back dead wood from trees
- Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts



- If shutters do not protect windows, stock boards to cover glass.

When A Hurricane Watch is Issued

- Check often for official bulletins on radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio
- Fuel car
- Check mobile home tie-downs
- Moor small craft or move to safe shelter
- Stock up on canned provisions
- Check supplies of special medicines and drugs
- Check batteries for radio and flashlights
- Secure lawn furniture and other loose material outdoors
- Tape, board or shutter windows
- Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent their lifting from their tracks

When A Hurricane Warning is Issued

- Stayed tuned to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins
- Stay home if on high ground
- Move valuables to upper floors
- Bring in pets
- Fill containers (bathtub) with several day's supply of drinking water
- Turn up refrigerator to maximum cold and don't open unless necessary
- Stay indoors on the downwind side of house away from windows
- Beware of the eye of the hurricane
- Leave mobile homes
- Leave areas which might be affected by storm tide or stream flooding
- Shut off water and electricity at main stations
- Take small valuables and papers but travel light
- Leave food and water for pets (shelters will not take them)
- Lock up house
- Drive carefully to nearest designated shelter using recommended evacuation routes

After the All-Clear is Given

- Drive carefully; watch for dangling electrical wires, undermined roads, flooded low spots
- Don't sight-see
- Report broken or damaged water, sewer, and electrical lines
- Use caution re-entering home
- Check for gas leaks
- Check food and water for spoilage