



## Be ready for 2015 hurricane season

As hurricane season is upon us, it's important to take the time to prepare and protect your valuable property and loved ones. Preparation begins now. Residents should ensure that they don't wait until the last moment to purchase items or prepare their property. You can keep this pullout as a ready reference throughout the storm season. Here are some tips to help you prepare for, get through, and recover from a storm:

### Before the storm

- Build disaster and pet emergency kits.
- Determine if you live in a flood-prone area.
- Know your surroundings and be aware of where higher ground might be.
- Make plans to secure your property.
- Install straps or additional clips to ensure your roof is securely fastened.
- Trim trees and shrubs around your home to become more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce garage doors.
- Make a plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else not tied down.
- Determine how and where to secure boats, kayaks, etc.

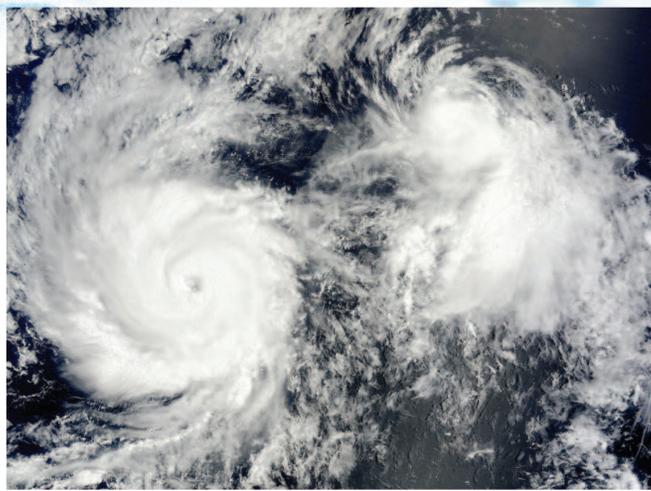
• Consider purchasing a generator in case of emergencies.

### During the storm

- Listen to radio or television for information.
- Secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- Turn off utilities if instructed. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest and keep door closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Avoid using the phone except for emergencies.
- Stay inside.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room. Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

### After the storm

- Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
- Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.



Hurricanes Felicia and Enrique

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- Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
- Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening situation or emergency. Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.
- Watch for and don't touch downed power lines.
- Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
- Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines, or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.
- Inspect your home for damage; take pictures of damage for insurance purposes.

### The day after the storm

- Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
- Use batteries and cell phones sparingly. You may not be able to replace them so easily.

## If you must evacuate to an emergency shelter

If required, state-run emergency shelters will open selectively, depending on the severity and type of incident or disaster. You should know the location of your two nearest shelters in the community, but do not go there until instructed to do so. Listen to radio and television for shelter locations, instructions and opening schedule. Be aware that all shelters do not stock supplies. You must bring all of your emergency supplies with you.

Military families living on base should also be aware of their nearest shelter in the community as an option if it is necessary to evacuate. Navy "Safe Havens," or facilities located on base that provide protection from natural disasters, provide an option for displaced personnel to take refuge inside the installation.

Military families living off base should seek shelter at the closest City and County of Honolulu shelter. Do not bypass an open state shelter in an effort to reach the base.

Due to the limited availability of Safe Havens, a priority for occupancy can be ordered. Personnel with priority include category one and five personnel and their family members and residents in housing areas most vulnerable to a hurricane.

Before reporting to a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Safe Haven," personnel must register first at the Makai Recreation Center for assignments and transportation to the designated location. When going to an installation Safe Haven, take your emergency kit, sleeping bags and a five to seven-day supply of food and water.

Evacuation and shelter information for Oahu will be provided by:  
Department of Emergency Management, City & County of Honolulu, 723-8960, website: [www.honolulu.gov/dem.html](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem.html)  
Hawaii State Civil Defense, 733-4300, website: [www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov)



## Important telephone numbers

- Emergency, police, fire ambulance  
911
- State Department of Emergency Management  
723-8960
- Hawaii State Civil Defense  
733-4300
- National Weather Service (weather advisories)  
973-5286
- Military and Family Support Center  
474-1999
- Navy Marine Corps Relief Society  
473-0282
- Air Force Aid Society  
449-0300
- JBPHH Straight Talk Line  
421-4000
- HECO Service Center  
548-7311 (to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)
- Board of Water Supply trouble line  
748-5000
- Hawaiian Telcom repair service  
643-6111
- Hawaii Gas emergency service -  
526-0066
- Street lights out  
City - 768-5300, State - 831-6714, State (after hours) - 485-6200
- Time Warner Oceanic  
643-2100
- NAVFAC Hawaii emergency desk  
449-3100

## Where to find hurricane preparedness information

There's an app for that. FEMA and Air Force both have free emergency preparedness apps for your iPhone and Android phones. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play Store to download free apps. Apps contain emergency preparedness information on how to build your kit, make your plan, and other useful information.

**Navy Region Hawaii Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii](http://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii)

**JBPHH Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam](http://www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam)

**Navy Region Hawaii website**  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii)

**JBPHH website**  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam)

**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2)**  
Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be on the text crawl 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Department of Emergency Management (DEM)**  
Information is available on the DEM website at [www.honolulu.gov/dem](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem) or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information.

**Hawaiian Humane Society:** For information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187, <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/disaster-readiness.html>.

**Telephone directory**  
Disaster preparedness information is available at the beginning of the white pages section in your local telephone directory.  
State Civil Defense: [www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov)

**FEMA ready.gov**  
**JBPHH Office of Emergency Management**  
Call 421-4000 or 448-2741 for emergency preparedness information.

**CNIC Ready Navy**  
[http://www.ready.navy.mil/build\\_a\\_kit/emergency\\_kit.shtml](http://www.ready.navy.mil/build_a_kit/emergency_kit.shtml)

**Also check**

- Your unit/command emergency management representative.
- JBPHH "Are You Ready" guide.
- NIXLE Emergency Information Distribution Service. Sign up for NIXLE at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).
- [www.ready.navy.mil](http://www.ready.navy.mil)
- [www.beready.af.mil](http://www.beready.af.mil)

## Disaster kit

Build a disaster kit for your family. Bring it with you if you have to evacuate to a shelter or a safe haven.

- Water - one gallon/person/day for at least seven days.
- Non-perishable food for at least seven days.
- Manual can opener.
- First aid kit and include any prescription medications, at least a 14- to 30-day supply.
- Personal sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Pet supplies: Crate, leash, food and water.
- Specialty items for children (toys, coloring books) or elderly.
- Extra glasses.
- Candles and waterproof matches.
- Money - at least \$250 in cash (in small denominations: 1, 5, 10, 20s), and travelers checks, extra car keys.
- Local maps and your evacuation plan.
- Family communications plan.
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with NOAA weather channel (many models can also charge your cell phone).
- Important family documents (passports, IDs, deeds, wills, etc.)
- Dust masks and gloves.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Sleeping bags, change of clothing (if you evacuate).
- Fuel for camping stoves or lanterns.



## Pet emergency kit

Your pet will need supplies during an emergency. The best way to ensure you are prepared is to create a pet emergency supply kit, which should be stored alongside your family emergency supply kit in a waterproof container. If an evacuation is necessary, it is best to already know which shelters do and do not allow pets and to have the necessities on hand to continue to care for them. When evacuating, many shelters often ask for health paperwork before accepting you and your pets. This is what you will need for your pet:

- Carrier/kennel
- Pet food (7-day supply)
- Water
- Bowls for food and water
- Cat litter and box or doggie waste bags
- Muzzle
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant
- Flashlight
- Extra collar with identification tags
- Extra leash
- Vaccine and other important medical documentation
- Any medications your pet is on (2-week supply)
- Microchip information and number (if applicable)
- Recent photograph of pet
- Bedding
- Toys
- Picture and owner contact information on side of pet's kennel
- A list of emergency telephone numbers including your veterinarian, local animal control, local animal shelters, the Red Cross, and any other individual or group you might need to contact during the disaster.

