

Get Involved

You can learn more about emergency preparedness by becoming a VOLUNTEER. The Fulton County Office of Emergency Preparedness has medical and non-medical volunteer opportunities available.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

MRC Volunteers are medical professionals who provide their expertise in times of need.

Emergency Volunteer Corps

Emergency Volunteer Corps work to make sure that their families, homes and communities are prepared in the event of an emergency – natural or man-made. Training is given to all volunteers to build and solidify their skills for emergency preparedness.

To Volunteer, call (404) 730-1572

Also, as a public service to the residents and businesses of Fulton County, the Office of Emergency Preparedness of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness is available to share the latest information on emergency preparedness. We make presentations to community, civic, business, and faith based organizations. Call (404) 730-1281 for more information.

For information on public health issues
visit -www.bt.cdc.gov
and www.ready.gov

Also:

Federal Emergency Management Agency for Kids
www.fema.gov
National Weather Service (NWS)
www.nws.noaa.com

Prepare NOW!

Protect and safeguard your family,
your neighborhood and our community.



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SAFETY TIPS



TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANES, TORNADOES & FLOODS



**Department Health & Wellness
Office of Emergency Preparedness**

HURRICANE

TERMS TO KNOW :

HURRICANE WATCH: Hurricane conditions are a real possibility for an area.

HURRICANE WARNING: A hurricane is expected within 24 hours. **BEGIN PRECAUTIONARY ACTION AT ONCE.**

AT HURRICANE WARNING:

- Listen for weather updates and stay informed.
- Keep portable radio and flashlight on hand—with fresh batteries.
- Clear your yard of all loose objects.
- Store drinking water in clean containers.
- Shutter, board or tape windows.
- Plan a flood-free evacuation route.
- **IF ORDERED TO EVACUATE—OBEY IMMEDIATELY!** Take your HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT.
- **DO NOT RETURN TO EVACUATED AREA UNTIL LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED AN ALL-CLEAR.**

HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT

Keep this kit ready to go. Include enough water and canned or boxed food for each member of your household for at least three days, plus the following:

- Flashlight
- Battery-operated radio
- Extra Batteries
- First Aid kit
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Prescription medicines
- Hygiene supplies (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Personal Items including books and toys

TORNADO

These violent storms can strike anywhere at any time with little warning. Stay alert to these danger signs:

TERMS TO KNOW

TORNADO WATCH: Tornadoes are possible—watch the sky and stay tuned to radio or TV stations for warnings.

TORNADO WARNING: A tornado has been sighted or detected by weather radar—**take shelter immediately.**

**IF THERE IS A TORNADO WARNING,
PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

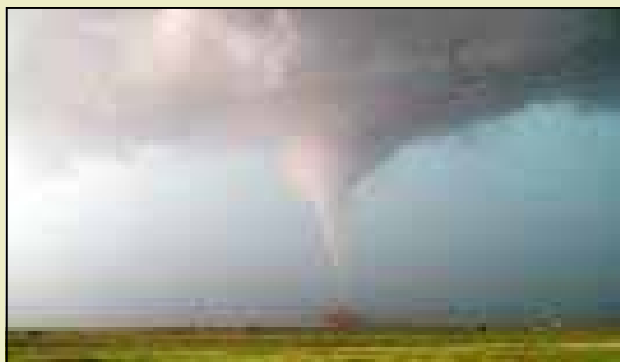
AT HOME: Go to your storm shelter or basement, or a central room on the lowest level. Stay away from windows.

IN A MOBILE HOME OR TRAILER: These structures provide little protection. Leave and go to a storm shelter or the lowest level of a sturdy building.

IN A PUBLIC BUILDING: Go to the designated shelter area or to an interior hallway on the lowest floor.

IN YOUR CAR: Stop, get out, and go to the storm shelter or lowest level in a nearby building.

IN OPEN COUNTRY: Lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Do not get under an overpass or bridge.



FLOOD

Some floods develop slowly, while flash floods can strike 'in a matter of minutes'.

TERMS TO KNOW

FLOOD WATCH: Flooding is possible—stay tuned to radio or TV for information.

FLASH FLOOD

WATCH: Flash flooding is possible and could occur without warning - stay tuned to radio or TV and be prepared to move to higher ground.



FLOOD WARNING:

Flooding is occurring or is about to.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING: A flash flood is occurring—get to higher ground if necessary.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IN CASE OF FLOODING:

- Learn flood evacuation routes and where to find high ground. Evacuate instructed by authorities, and return home only when they say it's safe.
- Be aware of streams, washes and other low-lying areas that are prone to sudden flooding.
- Never walk through moving water more than six inches deep. Do not drive into flooded areas.

BEWARE OF LIGHTNING

INSIDE:

- Avoid showering, bathing, and using a phone that has a cord except in an emergency.
- Unplug appliances and computers and turn off air conditioners.

OUTSIDE:

- In an open area, go to a low place such as a valley or ravine—but beware of flash floods.
- Stay away from metal fences, pipes, equipment and machinery.