



Hurricane Preparedness: What's Next?

This week we learned that hurricanes are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena. If you live in an area prone to tropical cyclones, you need to be prepared. Even areas well away from the coastline can be threatened by destructive winds, tornadoes and flooding from these storms.

How great is the danger?

From 1970-2010, there were an average of sixteen hurricanes each year.

It's vitally important to know the very real risks and to properly prepare yourself, your loved ones, homes and businesses for a hurricane.

Click to watch this easily shareable video below for tips on how to prepare and take action before, during and after a hurricane.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnPcd1_EY1g&feature=youtu.be

To prepare for a hurricane, you should take the following measures:

- Build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan
- Consult <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes> for methods on how to secure your home
- Know your surroundings
- Learn the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood prone.
- Identify levees and dams in your area and determine whether they pose a hazard to you
- Learn community hurricane evacuation routes and how to find higher ground. Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you need to evacuate.
- If you are disabled and can not evacuate, notify your local first responders (ie: Fire Department, Emergency Preparedness Manager, Local Law Enforcement)

