

Hurricane Preparedness in the City of Williamsburg

For information before the storm:

- Go to the City's website www.williamsburgva.gov/emergency.
- Sign up to receive Emergency Updates via email by clicking on "E-Notify" on the left side of the home page. Follow the City on Facebook (Facebook.com/Williamsburg.Virginia) and Twitter (@WilliamsburgGov) for real-time updates.
- Watch WMSBG Channel 48 for City of Williamsburg bulletins.
- Watch weather advisory television channels to track storm.
- Call 220-6161, the City's Human Services Department, for special needs assistance.
- Call 221-4000 or access website (www.wm.edu) for information regarding the College of William and Mary, and call 229-1000 or access website (www.cwf.org) regarding Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.



Actions to take before the storm:

- Prepare to "shelter in place" with provisions enough to live without power, public drinking water, and other public services for at least a week. Some suggestions:
- Purchase a simple weather radio with battery backup.
- Clean and fill bathtub with fresh water and 1/2 teaspoon Clorox.
- Locate ALL utility shutoff valves.
- Locate your regional shelter. The City of Williamsburg operates a shelter at the Quarterpath Recreation Center, 202 Quarterpath Road, 259-3760. Call 259-7200 for information.
- Learn your evacuation routes. The City of Williamsburg is a host jurisdiction during an evacuation of coastal areas. If citizens need to evacuate, Interstate 64 and Route 60 West are the primary routes to leave the City.
- Know your Neighborhood Response Team (NRT). The NRT are trained citizen volunteers in your neighborhood who assist City officials during emergencies. For more information, contact Human Services Director Peter Walentisch at 220-6161 or go to the City's website www.williamsburgva.gov and click on "Emergency Preparedness."

After the storm:

- Listen to WMBG 740 AM or Tide 92.3 FM radio for local information during power outages.
- Read the Virginia Gazette or Daily Press or www.wydaily.com for daily updates.
- Call the City Emergency Operations Center at 259-7200 to report disaster conditions needing City response.
- Contact your Neighborhood Response Team Captain if you need the help of trained neighbors.
- Watch City Channel WMSBG 48 and/or access the City website at www.williamsburgva.gov, when power is available. Information will also be available on Facebook and Twitter.

Other useful emergency preparedness websites:

- American Red Cross: www.redcross.org
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management: www.vdes.state.va.us/
- Virginia Department of Health: www.vdh.state.va.us
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.fema.gov
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: www.ready.gov

During the storm:

- Call 911 for Police, Fire, or Emergency Medical response.
- Listen to WMBG 740 AM or Tide 92.3 FM radio for local information during power outages.
- To contact the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) call 259-7200.

Useful phone numbers:

- Police non-emergency220-2331
- Fire non-emergency220-6220
- Public Works220-6140
- After Hours220-6196
- Building Inspection
- Code Compliance220-6254
- City Manager's Office220-6100
- Human Services Department . . .220-6161
- Dominion VA Power:1-888-667-3000
- Virginia Natural Gas1-877-572-3342
- Cox Communications757-224-1111
- Verizon Telephone1-800-275-2355
- Cavalier Telephone1-800-683-3944

York County emergency information and phone numbers

Before the storm:

Preparedness Information:

- Visit York County's web site at www.yorkcounty.gov
- Locate your neighborhood fire station at: www.yorkcounty.gov/fire
- Determine if your property is in a flood zone visit: <http://maps.yorkcounty.gov/>
- Evacuation map available at: www.virginiadot.org/travel/resources/hurricaneEvacuation1_routes.pdf

Shelter:

Grafton Middle School serves as the primary shelter and is supplemented by additional schools as needed. Grafton Middle School is located at 403 Grafton Drive, just off US Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Hwy). Questions? Call 890-3600. For Evacuation, Response and Recovery information, tune your battery operated radio to 99.1 FM, WXGM.

After the storm:

For life-threatening emergencies dial, 911. Call 1-888-667-3000 to report power outages and/or downed power lines. Call 890-3621 to report downed trees or damage to homes/structure without hazards or injuries. For additional disaster services information, tune your battery operated radio to 99.1 FM, WXGM. WXGM will broadcast information near the top of every hour during their local news briefs. For additional information, visit your neighborhood Fire Station or call 890-3300.

Disaster preparedness: Make a plan

Planning Checklist

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.

- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Check your insurance coverage. Flood damage is not usually covered by home owner's insurance.

Preparedness Training

- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.
- Enroll in a Community Emergency Response Team Course (CERT) course which will provide you with basic information to prepare yourself, family, neighbors and community.

Disaster preparedness: Build a kit

Disaster Supply Kit

- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a disaster supply kit.
- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days. Non-perishable packaged or canned food/ juices, foods for infants or the elderly, snack foods, non-electric can opener, cooking tools/fuel, paper plates/plastic utensils
- Blankets/pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit, medicines, prescription drugs
- Special items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries, hygiene items, moisture wipes
- Flashlight, batteries
- Radio - battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and credit cards. Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items - proper identification, immunization records, medications, ample supply of food and water, a carrier or cage, muzzle and leash
- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

Prepare yourself, help your neighbors and your community:

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the County's first responders, CERT members can assist their neighbors by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by York County Department of Fire & Life Safety that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.

For information about York County CERT or to register for the Fall 2009 class, visit: <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fls/CERTreg.htm>

Fall 2010 CERT courses include:

- CERT Organization and Overview
- Disaster Preparedness/CERT & Terrorism
- Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue
- Fire Safety
- Hands On Practical Sessions
- Disaster Psychology
- Fire Station Tour
- Final Hands On Exercise

For additional information call 757-890-3600

Websites with additional preparedness information:

- Virginia Department of Emergency Management: www.vaemergency.com
- www.yorkcounty.gov
- www.ready.gov
- www.redcross.org
- www.erh.noaa.gov

