

HURRICANE READINESS GUIDE 2009

James City County • City of Williamsburg • York County

PLAN NOW FOR HURRICANES



Don't be fooled by the last two slow hurricane seasons. Even though forecasts of an active hurricane season have been proven wrong, you only need to look as far back as 2005 to the devastation brought by Hurricane Katrina to see the destruction a hurricane can cause to homes and lives.

In 2003, area residents experienced first hand the destructive forces of high winds when Tropical Storm Isabel toppled many trees, crushing houses and other property in its path. Flooding damaged many low-lying homes and thousands of residents lived without electric power and/or running water, for days.

With these powerful lessons learned, residents are urged to prepare now to be self-sufficient for two weeks. In this special hurricane readiness guide, you will learn how to create a family disaster plan, assemble a disaster supply kit, and protect your family, pets and home. In addition, important emergency phone numbers are given for James City County, City of Williamsburg and York County. Be sure to keep this handy guide for future reference.

View of the Chickahominy River during tropical depression Ernesto in 2006. Below left: Downed electrical wires in Williamsburg.

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