

# HURRICANE READINESS GUIDE 2008

James City County • City of Williamsburg • York County

## PLAN NOW FOR HURRICANES

Don't be fooled by last summer's slow hurricane season. Even though forecasts of an active hurricane season proved 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 find out 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 York River during Tropical Storm Isabel in 2003.  
Below left: Jamestown Road at Lake Powell after Hurricane Floyd.

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