

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC
700 AM EDT SAT MAY 30 2015

...NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK ENDS TODAY...

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK. WE WILL PROVIDE SOME ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE AND DURING A HURRICANE.

IF YOUR AREA IS UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING...CLOSELY MONITOR RADIO... TELEVISION...OR NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR OFFICIAL BULLETINS. ALL PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS AND LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF TOLD TO DO SO.

WHEN EVACUATING...LEAVE EARLY...IN DAYLIGHT IF POSSIBLE. STAY WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES...AT A LOW-RISE HOTEL OR PRE-DESIGNATED PUBLIC SHELTER OUTSIDE A FLOOD ZONE. NOTIFY NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF THE WARNED AREA OF YOUR EVACUATION PLANS. BRING ALONG IMPORTANT PAPERS SUCH AS INSURANCE POLICIES.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO EVACUATE...BE SURE YOU ARE NOT AT RISK FROM FLOODING. STAY INSIDE A WELL-CONSTRUCTED BUILDING BUT PLAN WHAT YOU WILL DO IF YOUR BUILDING SUFFERS STRUCTURAL FAILURE.

TURN YOUR REFRIGERATOR TO MAXIMUM COLD AND OPEN ONLY AS NECESSARY. ALSO...UNPLUG SMALL APPLIANCES AND TURN OFF UTILITIES IF TOLD TO DO SO BY AUTHORITIES

FILL THE BATH TUB AND LARGE CONTAINERS WITH WATER FOR SANITARY PURPOSES.

DURING THE STORM...STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND DOORS...EVEN IF THEY ARE COVERED. CLOSE ALL INTERIOR DOORS AND SECURE AND BRACE EXTERNAL DOORS. TAKE REFUGE ON THE LOWEST LEVEL OF THE BUILDING IN A SMALL INTERIOR ROOM...CLOSET...OR HALLWAY. IF YOU ARE IN A MULTIPLE-STORY BUILDING AND AWAY FROM THE WATER...GO TO THE FIRST OR SECOND FLOOR AND TAKE REFUGE IN THE HALLS OR OTHER INTERIOR ROOMS AWAY FROM THE WINDOWS.

BE ALERT FOR THE CALM CENTER...OR EYE...OF THE STORM. AFTER THE EYE PASSES YOUR LOCATION THE WINDS WILL CHANGE DIRECTION AND QUICKLY RETURN TO HURRICANE STRENGTH.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HURRICANES VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES...

NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER...WWW.HURRICANES.GOV

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