



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

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HURRICANE SEASON NEARS

Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and Visitors, as hurricane season nears the National Weather Service NOAA is predicting 15 named storms, 8 hurricanes, of which four could become major hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher. The hurricane season begins June 1 and continues through November 30. There are 19 counties in Georgia that are at particular risk to hurricanes, these include, Brooks, Echols and Lowndes.

PREPARING FOR A HURRICANE:

- A hurricane *watch* is issued when hurricane conditions are possible in your area within 36 hours.
- A hurricane *warning* is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in your area within 24 hours.
- Have a family disaster plan in place that includes: a three-day supply of water, nonperishable food and bottled water; one blanket or sleeping bag and pillow per person; a first aid kit, including prescription medicines; emergency tools including a battery powered weather radio and a portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries; an extra set of car keys; a credit card or cash; and special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- Learn evacuation routes and prepare an evacuation plan.
- Review your insurance policies for protection against wind and flood damage.
- Complete inventory of personal property for insurance settlements and/or tax deduction for losses. List descriptions and take pictures.
- Store important papers in waterproof containers.
- Buy items needed to board up windows and protect your home.

If you have any questions please drop by the office of Environmental and Occupational Safety located in Ashley Hall or call us at 293-6171.