Hurricane Preparedness

Preparing your household

Develop a Family Communication Plan, which could include:

- The room your family will take shelter in during the storm, which should be a small interior room, such as a closet, hallway, bathroom on the lowest level.
- What actions each family member will do in the event of a hurricane
- Designate a friend or out-of-state relative to be an emergency point of contact.

Assemble a three-five day emergency disaster kit, which could include:

- Flashlight and battery-powered radio with additional batteries/hand-crank rechargeable flashlight/radio
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable foods
- Toiletry items
- Pet food
- Medicine and prescription medication
- Copies of important family papers and documents

Preparing your business

Develop and administer your preparedness program.

Examine ways to prevent hazards and reduce risks.

Talk with your employees about:

- Resource management
• Crisis communications

• Business continuity: how to continue your business after the storm has ended

Create a plan, which could include:

• A business impact analysis

• Lost sales and income

• Increased expenditures

• Regulatory fines

• Delay of new business plans

**Other useful websites that provide hurricane preparedness information:**

www.ready.gov/hurricanes

www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/

www.hurricanes.gov

www.ready.gov/ready2015

http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/

Social media can also be a useful tool during a time of emergency. Below is a list of Twitter accounts you can follow for more information on preparedness or to receive regular updates during weather emergencies:

@Readygov         @MSEMA
@NWSJacksonMS     @FEMA
@NHC-Atlantic      @PrepareAthon
@Citizen_Corps    @NWS         @CDCemergency