

## Scattered Sites

Hurricane Season is June 1, 2010  
November 30, 2010

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster. By being informed about hurricane hazards one can gain knowledge which can be used to take **ACTION**. This information can be used to save lives at work, home, while on the road, or on the water.



There are several types of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to **storm surge, flooding and wind**. Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.

Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.

Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.

Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate. Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.

Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.

Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit. Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.

# Galveston Housing Authority Emergency Procedures

## Crime in Progress

- ☞ Report criminal or suspicious activity to emergency personnel by calling 911.
- ☞ If possible, get a description of any involved suspects or vehicles and provide information to police.

## Severe Weather/Tornado

- ☞ A tornado watch means that tornados are possible in the area.
- ☞ A tornado warning means that a tornado has actually been sighted somewhere in the warning area.
- ☞ If you can hear or see thunder and lightning, you should take cover indoors.
- ☞ If a tornado is sighted approaching your location:
  - Move to the interior hallway or lowest floor, or move to the inside wall of your room.
  - Avoid windows and take shelter beneath a desk or heavy furniture.
  - Assume a curled position to protect your head and eyes.

## Fire

- ☞ Upon discovering a fire, immediately pull the fire alarm.
- ☞ Dial 911 and give details about the fire to emergency personnel.
- ☞ Evacuate immediately, close doors behind you and do not stop for belongings.
- ☞ Evacuate at least 500 feet from the building and remain there until accounted for.
- ☞ Alert police and fire about potentially trapped victims.
- ☞ If the fire is small, use a fire extinguisher if you are trained.

## Medical Emergency

- ☞ Call 911 for emergency personnel.
- ☞ Do not move an injured person.
- ☞ Provide care if you are trained to do so.
- ☞ Avoid contact with blood or body fluids.
- ☞ Stay with the victim until emergency personnel arrive.

## Tropical Weather Systems

- ☞ Hurricane Season lasts from June 1 to November 30.
- ☞ A Hurricane Watch means that a hurricane poses a threat to the area within 36 hours.
- ☞ A Hurricane Warning means a hurricane conditions are expected in an area within 24 hours.
- ☞ When a voluntary evacuation is issued, GHA residents are encouraged to leave.
- ☞ Before evacuating, consult with GHA staff for housing needs and evacuation information.
- ☞ Stay tuned to local media, City of Galveston emergency information and GHA website for updates and information.

## Bomb Threat

- ☞ If you find a suspicious package, do not touch it. Call 911 for emergency personnel.
- ☞ If you receive a bomb threat by phone, remain calm and try to obtain as much information as possible.
- ☞ Follow instructions from emergency personnel.

## Important Emergency Numbers & Websites

In an emergency, dial 911

Galveston Police /Fire (non-emergency) 409-765-2702

Galveston Housing Authority 409-765-1900

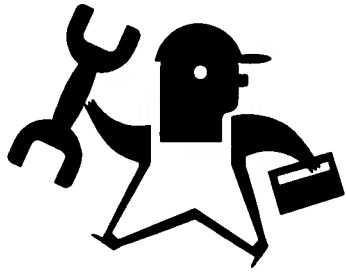
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# EMERGENCIES – DIAL 911





# A Note from Maintenance

## **A Clean Home Feels Right If Your Home Is Really Messy**



If you have been sad, depressed, sick or super busy, and your home is really messy, there are three things to do in the beginning.

First, **stop making more mess!** Put away your clothes when you take them off. Hang up your coat and put your hat in its place. Put groceries away when you bring them in. If you use something, put it away when you are finished. You will still have a mess, but **you will be in control** because you are not allowing the mess to get worse.

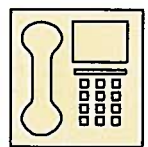
Next, **tackle the clutter**. Pick up one thing and put it completely away. Whenever you pick something up, or use it, always put it completely away. This will keep roaches, insects and rodents away.

Now you are doing two things. You have stopped the growth of your mess, you are not adding to it. You are slowly putting things completely away. You need to add one more thing.

**Sanitize and Clean.** Thoroughly and completely clean one thing. Your **stove top, refrigerator, floors, a shower, a sink**; choose one thing and make it sparkle.

If you work at these things a little at a time, you will finally have a clean home.

Please remember when calling in work orders  
give as much detail as possible .



### **In all situation always remember your safety.**

- \* Always be aware of your surroundings when getting in and out of vehicles
- \* Please report any suspicious looking persons that may be in your area
- \* Remember to always lock your doors when you are away from your property





# **GISD to Host the Back To School Fair August 12**

Galveston Independent School District will host its annual Back to School Fair on August 12, 2010 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The event will be held at the Galveston Convention Center located on the Seawall.

Its primary purpose will be to provide a friendly setting where parents can visit for the purpose of acquiring information about the processes, procedures, or services related to the educational experiences of their children and the school system.

Parents will have the opportunity to register students, sign up for free and reduced meals with Child Nutrition, sign up for bus

Topics covered at the Back to School Fair include:

- Dropout prevention
- Schools of Choice
- Afterschool Programs
- Gifted and Talented program
- Advanced Placement
- Bilingual Program
- New state assessments
- Special Education
- Scholar Athletes
- PSAT/SAT testing
- College and Career Readiness
- Bullying

