Hurricanes and Tropical Storms During COVID-19

Annual Hurricane Season

Tropical systems have a long history of bringing significant river and flash flooding to Pennsylvania. These storms can also bring a variety of additional hazards such as damaging winds and tornadoes. Here are some tips to better prepare for Hurricane Season while living in a COVID-19 environment.

Hurricane Season with COVID-19 To Do’s

Know Your Risk & Be Informed
Hurricane hazards can impact everyone—understand your threat for river and flash flooding, strong wind and tornadoes.

Develop an Evacuation Plan
Make a plan for two ways out of town—plan for short and long-term stays. Consider how your evacuation or sheltering plans may need to change due to the pandemic. Remember to wear your mask and social distance.

Assemble Disaster Supplies
Prepare a disaster kit and include items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, bar or liquid soap, disinfectant wipes and two cloth face coverings for each person.

Get an Insurance Check-Up
Make sure your insurance policy covers all hazards, especially flooding which is most often not covered by homeowners or renters insurance. Get flood coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Help Your Neighbor
When you check on neighbors and friends, be sure to follow social distancing recommendations (staying at least 6 feet from others) and take precautions to protect yourself and others.

Complete an Emergency and Communications Plan
Understand your plan may be different because of the need to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Write it all down and keep it in a safe place.