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## Prepare now for Hurricane Season

*National Hurricane Preparedness Week May 1-7*

Charleston County's Public Safety Directorate is encouraging residents to begin preparing for the upcoming hurricane season which begins on June 1, 2022.

"The last two hurricane seasons have been quiet for Charleston County, which can cause citizens to become complacent. Our department has been busy preparing for the upcoming hurricane season for several months," said Charleston County Emergency Management Director Joe Coates. "We ask that our residents follow our example by making sure that their families are prepared for a potential storm. We've also seen a lot of new people moving to the area, many who have never experienced a hurricane before. Now is the time to build your emergency kit and make your family plans so that you're prepared if a storm threatens our coast."

Charleston County Emergency Management staff will be offering free hurricane prep classes at the following Library branches:

- May 3 at 6 p.m.: St. Paul's Hollywood Library
- May 4 at 2 p.m.: Otranto Road Library
- May 7 at 10 a.m.: Wando Mt. Pleasant Library

Tips to prepare before a storm:

- Check flood insurance and know your insurance policy.
- Strengthen your home.
- Develop an emergency communications plan.
- Build your emergency kit.
- Know your zone and evacuation route.

Details on all of the tips above can be found in [Charleston County's 2022 Hurricane Guide](#) or [Spanish Hurricane Guide](#). Residents can also follow Charleston County on Facebook ([@charlestoncountygovernment](#)) and Twitter ([@chascogov](#)) for information on how to prepare.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Charleston County's [Citizen's Alert System](#) to receive information about emergencies and other important community news.

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