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Hurricane Preparedness

June 1st through November 30th marks Hurricane Season, and it is vital that you are prepared in advance for you and your family's safety. The following information is courtesy of **Culligan Water of the Lowcountry**:

Beaufort County residents need to know where to get updated, accurate information before, during and after the storms. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure you are prepared:

- Make sure you have a battery operated radio with fresh batteries.
- Begin to purchase supplies for your Family Disaster Supplies Kit. (see below)
- Find out where your evacuation routes are and have a plan if you decide to evacuate.
- Make sure that you check with your doctor and/or pharmacy to determine how best to assure your prescriptions will last through a storm.
- Assess your landscaping to determine if trees need to be trimmed or ornaments removed before a storm.
- Make arrangements in advance for your pets; contact your veterinarian for sheltering during a storm or know your pet friendly shelters and/or motels. Make sure to take your pet with you if you do evacuate, do not leave them home during a storm. Make sure vaccinations are up-to-date; vaccination proof is required at shelters and with your veterinarian, boarding facility or kennel.
- Review your family plan with your family and establish who will be your out-of-town contact.
- Double check your shelter information, confirm the shelter locations; do not wait until you need to go to the shelter.
- Make sure you have a to-go bag if you decide to evacuate or go to a shelter; know the shelter rules and regulations (see below).
- Make sure you have shutters or pre-cut plywood for your windows.
- Have a First Aid Kit.

Cash

Have extra cash on hand. ATMs may be down and stores may not accept credit cards for some time after an emergency.

Disaster Supply Kit

Preparing your disaster supply kit now will make your life much easier when an emergency, any emergency, occurs. You want to plan on supplies for 3-14 days and keep your supplies in a back-pack, duffel bag, suitcase, or other easy to carry storage device. Here's what you'll need:

- **WATER!! This is a top priority.** Store at least one gallon per person per day. Remember, in addition to drinking, you'll need to brush your teeth, wash your hands, and perform other hygiene activities—and it can get pretty hot in South Carolina during hurricane months—so make sure you store enough water.
- Canned food—meats, soups, juices, fruits, vegetables, etc.
- Boxed drinks or other foods
- Powdered drinks, instant coffee and tea
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Crackers, cookies, & candy
- Energy and granola bars
- Bread in moisture proof containers
- Can opener (manual, NOT electric)
- Battery powered flashlights
- Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries

