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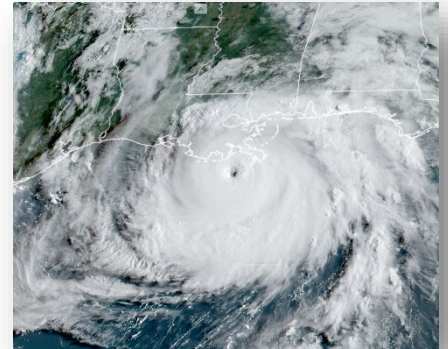
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Hurricane Preparedness

Last year brought devastation to south Louisiana with the landfall of Hurricane Ida. It also brought stark reminder of why we must always be prepared.

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season is predicted to be the seventh above average hurricane season in a row. Colorado State University, a leading research institute in tropical cyclones, predicts nineteen tropical systems including nine hurricanes with four of those hurricanes reaching major hurricane status (category 3 or higher).



The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1st and runs through November 30th; however, over the past few years we have seen an increase in tropical cyclone development before and after the above dates. In short, it is the safest practice to prepare early.

Several hurricane safety tips can make a difference in you and your family's wellbeing:

1. Creating Your Hurricane Safety Plan

If you live along the gulf coasts it is important that you plan a safe evacuation route that will take you twenty to fifty miles inland. Plan multiple routes that will take you away from the storm based on the anticipated direction.

2. Stock up on Disaster Supplies

Do not wait until the storm hits to get all the products and supplies you need to stay safe. Start now, in stocking up on supplies such as fuel, flashlights, emergency food and water along with essential medicines.

3. Prepare Your Home

As a tropical cyclone approaches, many fortifying materials such as lumber and tie-down straps will be in short supply. Ensure that you have these items on hand and ready to use well before a tropical cyclone approaches.

4. Know the Protocol

During a tropical cyclone emergency, there is a high chance that the communication systems we use everyday will fail such as cell phones, internet and television broadcast. It is important to have a weather radio to stay abreast on updates regarding the tropical cyclone and to also know your companies return to duty plan.

For more information, you can visit GIS's safety portal at www.gisy.com to view hurricane preparedness plans and GIS's Hurricane Policies.

Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.

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