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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HSEM RECOMMENDS THREE EASY STEPS FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS** *2020 New Hampshire Hurricane Safety Awareness Week is July 12 to July 18*

CONCORD, N.H. – NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management encourages residents and visitors to prepare now for potential hurricanes and tropical storms this 2020 New Hampshire Hurricane Safety Awareness Week. New Hampshire Hurricane Safety Awareness Week is July 12 to July 18, 2020.

The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1 and runs through November 30.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seasonal outlook predicts an above normal number of hurricanes this season. NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a likely range of 13 to 19 names storms, of which six to ten could become hurricanes, including three to six major hurricanes. An average hurricane season produces twelve names storms, of which six become hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

"As with every hurricane season, the need to be prepared is critically important this year," said NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. "It is important to understand that it only takes one hurricane or tropical storm to severely impact an area. Natural disasters do not wait. Take time now to prepare your family."

The core steps to preparedness are simple:

- 1) Build an Emergency Kit.
- 2) Have a Family Emergency Plan.
- 3) Stay informed – Sign up for NH Alerts.

#### **Build a Kit**

Emergency Kits are essential and should be kept in a safe location where they will be accessible during an emergency. Basic emergency kits should be kept in vehicles as well. Emergency Kits should contain enough water, non-perishable foods and prescriptions to last at least three days for each person in your household. In addition, each Emergency Kit should contain a flashlight, radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, sanitation items, cash and additional clothing. It is important to customize kits to meet your needs and the needs of your family and pets. Emergency Kit Shopping Lists are available at [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.readynh.gov).

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### **Complete a Family Emergency Plan**

Make sure your family has an up-to-date emergency plan. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will contact each other, where you will go and what you will do during an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster. Emergency Contact Cards should be completed and given to each family member to keep with them at all times. Emergency Contact Cards contain contact information for a local contact, an out-of-town contact, and a neighborhood-meeting place. Family Emergency Plan forms and Emergency Contact Cards are available for free download at [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov).

### **Stay Informed – Sign up for NH Alerts**

Sign up for NH Alerts to receive location-specific severe weather watches and warnings from the National Weather Service and instructions from public safety officials. The NH Alerts service works with landline phones, mobile phones, email and text messaging. There is also an NH Alerts app available for use with smartphones. In addition to signing up for NH Alerts, closely monitor media sources and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials as a storm approaches. Sign up for NH Alerts via [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov).

Know what to do, and have the things you need to stay safe. Learn about preparedness, including signing up for NH Alerts, making a plan and building a kit at [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov).

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