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SIMPLE STEPS CAN HELP YOU BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

CONCORD, N.H. – The Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) encourages residents to prepare now for potential hurricanes and tropical storms for the 2022 season.

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season starts June 1 and runs through November 30.

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) seasonal outlook](#) released on Tuesday predicts an above-average number of hurricanes this season. NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a likely range of 14-21 named storms, of which six to 10 could become hurricanes, including three to six that will reach a Category 3 or stronger. An average hurricane season produces 14 named storms, of which seven become hurricanes, including three major hurricanes. It would be the seventh consecutive season above normal.

“As with every hurricane season, the need to be prepared is critically important,” said HSEM Director Jennifer Harper. “It only takes one hurricane or tropical storm to severely impact a community. Taking simple steps such as staying informed, having a plan and making a kit can keep you and your family safe during a disaster.”

The core steps to preparedness are:

- 1) Stay informed. Sign up for NH Alerts or download the NH Alerts mobile app to receive free emergency notifications, including weather alerts from the National Weather Service.
- 2) Have a family emergency plan.
- 3) Make an emergency kit with supplies for your entire family, including your pets.
- 4) Get involved in your community.

Know what to do, and have the things you need to stay safe. Learn more about preparedness at ReadyNH.gov.

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