
DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

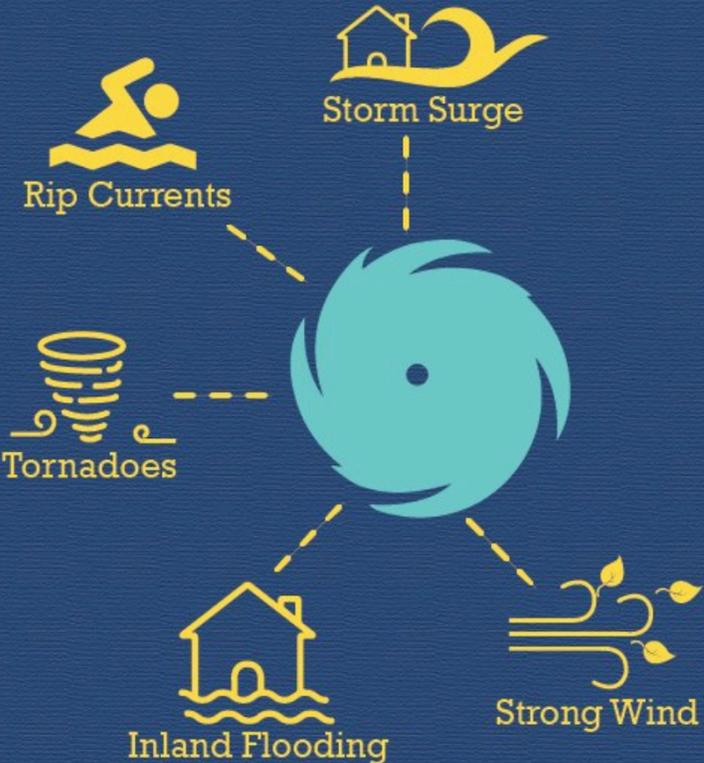
A photograph of a boat in a harbor with large waves crashing against a pier. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK" is overlaid in yellow, and "MAY 6-12, 2018" is overlaid in blue. A yellow horizontal bar is below the date, and the hashtag "#HurricaneStrong" is in the bottom right corner of the image.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK
MAY 6-12, 2018

#HurricaneStrong

MAY 9, 2018

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK



The infographic features a central teal hurricane icon. Five dashed lines radiate from it to icons representing different hazards: a swimmer for Rip Currents, a house with a wave for Storm Surge, a funnel cloud for Tornadoes, a house with water for Inland Flooding, and wind gusts for Strong Wind.

May 6th
Determine Your Risk

Hurricanes bring many hazards to U.S. coastlines and inland areas, including storm surge along the coast, inland flooding due to heavy rainfall, tornadoes, strong wind, rip currents and large waves.

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Find out if you live in an evacuation zone

Plan your route out

Follow evacuation orders

Plan for your pets

May 7th
Develop an Evacuation Plan

Find out today if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone. Plan where you'll go and how you would get there. Leave immediately if ordered to evacuate and be sure to plan for your pets.

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The graphic features a teal background with a dark grey hurricane icon in the top left corner. A large dashed yellow outline of a shopping bag is centered on the left side. Inside the bag, there are six icons representing essential supplies: a water bottle, a pill, a gas pump, a dollar bill, a radio, and a battery. To the right of the bag, there is a text block with a date and a bold heading, followed by a paragraph of advice. At the bottom right, there are three logos: the National Hurricane Center, NOAA, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

May 8th
Assemble Disaster Supplies
Get your supplies before hurricane season begins. Have enough food and water for each person for at least one week. Be sure to fill your prescriptions and have medicine on hand. Radios, batteries and phone chargers on are also must haves. Gas up your vehicle and extra cash on hand.

Food/Water Medicine Batteries, Radio, Chargers
Gas Up Cash on Hand

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May 9th

Get an Insurance Checkup

Check in with your insurance agent well before hurricane season.

Remember that flood insurance must be obtained separately. Prepare your home/vehicles according to your policy, and know where your insurance documents are located - take them with you if you evacuate. Visit floodsmart.gov for more information.

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MAY IS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH



May 10th
Strengthen Your Home

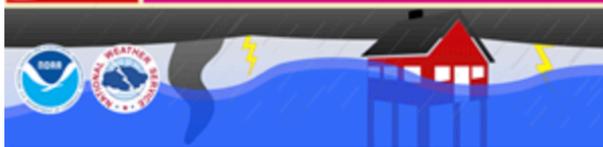
There is a lot you can do around your home to help protect it from the strong winds that come with hurricanes. Well ahead of the approaching storm, trim trees on your property, shop for approved window coverings, collect loose outdoor items, secure all doors on your property, and find a safe location for your vehicle.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HURRICANE HAZARD RISKS



1 Storm surge is water pushed onshore by the tropical system. It causes the most damage of any of the hurricane hazards.

2 Wind from a hurricane can top 200 mph and cause massive damage to buildings in its path.

3 Inland flooding caused by heavy rain damages homes and can wash out roadways well away from the coast.

4 Tornadoes are common as a hurricane moves ashore. They are not typically long-lived, but they can cause plenty of damage.

5 Rip currents and rough seas are common both before and after a hurricane, making swimming or surfing very dangerous.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HAVING AN EVACUATION PLAN



1 Find out if you would need to evacuate. Don't travel hundreds of miles, only far enough away from the evacuation area.

2 Plan your evacuation route. Have an alternate route.

3 Leave when ordered to do so. Do not wait.

4 Communicate your plan with someone not in the storm's path.

5 Plan for your pets. Most local shelters do not permit them.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME



1 Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches.

2 Have the proper materials in advance to board up your windows to protect them from flying debris.

3 Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes.

4 Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable.

5 Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WHERE TO GET HURRICANE INFO



1 Television - Tune in to your trusted local news source.

2 Phone - Access mobile.weather.gov on your mobile phone and get Wireless Emergency Alerts.

3 Radio - Receive forecast information and news on your NOAA Weather Radio.

4 Social Media - Stay in touch with friends and family and receive updates from your trusted sources of information.

5 Computer - Access information from weather.gov, ready.gov and flash.org

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE



1 Check your insurance policies well ahead of the storm to see what is covered.

2 Make sure you have flood insurance. Flooding is the leading cause of damage from tropical systems.

3 Visit floodsmart.gov to learn about your flood risk and flood insurance options for your area.

4 Prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered.

5 Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate.

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Take time now to prepare a hurricane emergency kit. Check below for items to include in your kit.

Don't wait until a warning is issued and the stores are empty or closed.

Prepare an emergency plan and make sure every member of your family knows what to do if they aren't home when an emergency is declared.

Image: NOAA

Assemble your disaster supplies before an emergency. A basic supply list can be found at: <http://ready.gov/kit>

WASHINGTON, D.C. DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY EXERCISE

Brooke Newton, Deputy Director with DSC, participated in the Washington, D.C. Dulles International Airport Triennial Exercise last Saturday. Brooke stated, "It was a great learning lesson, watching the first responders in action, and in attendance with fellow Alexandria Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) classmates. If you have the time, consider joining your local city/county's CERT program. CERT is offered in many communities across the United States."

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced. More about CERT found here: <https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team>

Shown Below: Brooke Newton, Deputy Director, participating in the Washington, DC Dulles International Airport Emergency Exercise with the city of Alexandria and Fairfax County CERT classes.



NATIONAL VOAD, WHAT IS IT?

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) is the forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, response and recovery—to help disaster survivors and their communities.

Members of National VOAD form a coalition of nonprofit organizations that respond to disasters as part of their overall mission. National VOAD was founded in 1970 in response to the challenges many disaster organizations experienced following Hurricane Camille, which hit the Gulf Coast in August, 1969.

Prior to the founding of National VOAD, numerous organizations served disaster victims independently of one another. These included both government and the private, nonprofit sector. As a result, help came to the disaster victim haphazardly as various organizations assisted in specific ways. Unnecessary duplication of effort often occurred, while at the same time, other needs were not met. There was only limited availability of training for potential volunteers. Information for victims on services during disasters was woefully inadequate and communication among voluntary disaster agencies was very limited and coordination of services was negligible.

The seven founding organizations came together and committed to fostering the four C's—communication, coordination, collaboration, and cooperation in order to better serve people impacted by disasters. Today, National VOAD is a leader and voice for the nonprofit organizations and volunteers that work in all phases of disaster—preparedness, response, relief, recovery, and mitigation. National VOAD is the primary point of contact for voluntary organization in the National Response Coordination Center (at FEMA headquarters) and is a signatory to the National Response Plan.

Learn more about National VOAD by visiting www.nvoad.org/.

ANNUAL NATIONAL VOAD CONFERENCE



Shown Above: Vincentians, from seven different states represented at the table here gather for a celebration on the opening night of the annual National VOAD conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Disaster Service Corporation, SVDP-USA is currently exhibiting and attending the Annual National VOAD Conference in Providence, Rhode Island with 45 other exhibitors and 600 attendees with disaster relief non-profits and faith based partners. We are so grateful for all who have attended to further their education and knowledge in disaster relief works, collaborate and build relationships with partners old and new, and represent the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA. Please congratulate, Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, for being nominated on the Executive Board of the National VOAD organization. The Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA is also a founding member of NVOAD.

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Shown Above: Vincentians, Mrs. Ann Hassel and Mr. James Butler manage the exhibit table at the 2018 Annual National VOAD Conference.

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Shown Above: Vincentian, and Director of Long Term Recovery Programs, Gail Bertrand speaking with one of her Texas VOAD partners at the 2018 Annual National VOAD Conference.

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Shown Above: Vincentian, Mr. James Butler and Monique Brent, DSC Volunteer Program Manager, stop for a quick photo at the exhibit table at the 2018 Annual National VOAD Conference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Please stop by our newly updated website: www.svdpcdisaster.org for more information about us and the work we do across the United States.

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Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/DisasterServicesCorp/

Follow us on LinkedIn: Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA

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Please consider supporting our mission by donating your time, providing financial support, and/or becoming active in your local community on disaster preparedness and recovery as a Vincentian.

For those of you interested in volunteering, please stop by our website at www.svdpcdisaster.org and click on the volunteer button at the top right corner. It will take you to a webform to complete. This information will help us gain better insight on you and be able to better pair you with what we have open and available to volunteer with. We will set up a one on one phone call shortly after the form has been completed. As a reminder, we cannot continue all these great works without your help. Please consider donating to the general disaster fund at www.svdpcdisaster.org to keep our programs running so that we can in turn support those who have been impacted by disaster here in the United States. We need your help!

