

Georgia Resources For Hurricane & Other Disasters

Rollins Employee Relief Fund: Go to our website at www.rollinsrelief.org.

At Rollins, we consider ourselves a family of coworkers. And when one family member suffers a catastrophe, we all want to pitch in to help. It's been part of our culture for decades. That is the reason for the Rollins Employee Relief Fund. We are here to help, for details about the program or to apply for assistance, go to <http://www.rollinsrelief.org/application/get-started/> and fill out the preliminary application.

Rollins Employee Assistance Program:

EAP Works: Childcare services - EAP Works provides local resources for Childcare Centers, Before/After School services, Special Needs Children, New Parents and Pregnancy information, Adoption and more. Several other services are available across the nation to employees and dependents. To find out more about your specific EAP and Work/Life benefits, please sign in to <http://www.eapworklife.com/employee.html> using your username and password, or call (888) 882-1985.

FEMA – Call (800) 621-FEMA (3362) or go to <https://www.fema.gov>. Download the FEMA App (smartphone app for mobile devices) contains disaster safety tips, interactive lists for storing your emergency kit and emergency meeting location information, and a map with open shelters and open FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs). The app is free to download from your smartphone provider's app store: For Apple devices go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fema/id474807486?mt=8> or for Google Play go to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.fema.mobile.android&hl=en>.

Be familiar with evacuation routes, have a family communications plan, keep a battery-powered radio handy and have a plan for pets as well as important information on how to prepare for the hurricane, tropical storms and other disasters. Visit www.ready.gov or www.listo.gov to learn these and other preparedness tips.

Red Cross - 1-800-REDCROSS or go to www.redcross.org. The Red Cross is urging those in the possible path of this storm to monitor weather reports and get prepared now. A free download of the Red Cross Emergency App can provide real-time information about the storm, available shelter locations and hurricane safety tips. The Emergency App is available in app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps>.

Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) Go to <http://www.gema.ga.gov> to get any updated information, including current evacuation routes, shelters and resources and contact information.

Ready Georgia: For information on how to plan and prepare for emergencies and stay informed see the following documents or go to <https://www.ready.gov/georgia>. In addition, for real-time weather, traffic and shelter information you can download the free mobile app at <http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/alerts-and-warnings/mobileapp>.

Georgia DOT - Georgia is impacted by tropical systems from the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. During a hurricane, wind gusts exceeding 74 mph and torrential rain can cause damage to Georgia's shoreline. Visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Emergency/Hurricane> or call [511](http://www.511.ga.gov) for free real-time travel information on road conditions and closures in your area.

National Hurricane Center – Up to the minute weather go to <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov> or **National Weather Service** <https://www.weather.gov/ffc/warnings>.

GEORGIA BE INFORMED

GETTING READY FOR HURRICANES

As a coastal state, Georgia is at risk for hurricanes that form in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage even hundreds of miles inland, so every resident needs to understand their risks and should plan what to do in the event of an evacuation. If you have questions to ask FEMA you can save time by going to their website at <https://www.fema.gov/faq>, where they have a frequently asked questions page. Go to their site to see if they might already have an answer for your particular questions before calling.

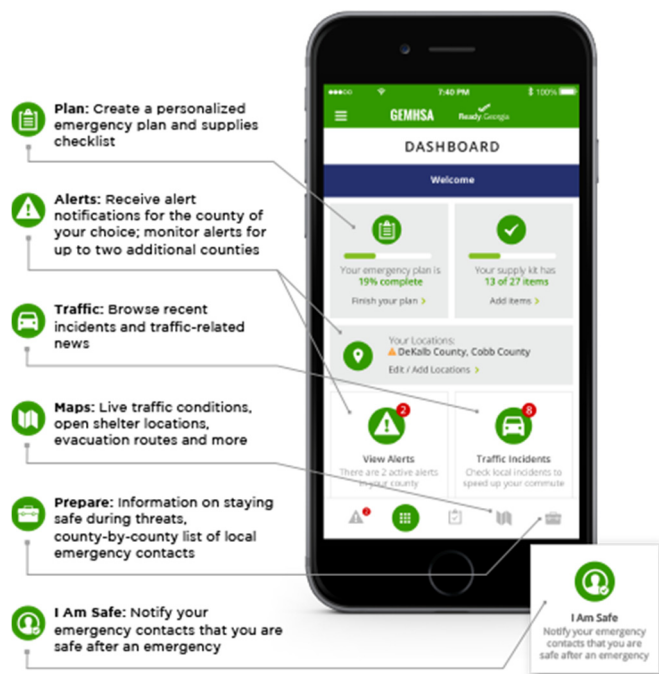
Being prepared is vital to you and your family being safe. Go to <http://www.gema.ga.gov> to get any updated information that follows, including current evacuation routes, shelters and resources and contact information.

A copy of “The Official Georgia Hurricane Guide” is attached. It can also be downloaded at: <http://ready.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/GeorgiaGA-HUR-GDE-APRVDHR.pdf> You are encourage to read through this guide and take the actions necessary to secure your family and home. The preparations you make for hurricanes will also help you survive all types of natural disasters.

In the meantime, the following information supplies you with very important information and some resources that will assist you and your family in how to be prepared and ready before, during, and after a hurricane. See attachment A, to find some general resources to contact in the event you are effected by a hurricane, flooding, or other disaster. Additional resources will be added to this list and sent out once the information becomes available for your state.

BEFORE A HURRICANE

A. **Download the mobile app:** <http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/alerts-and-warnings/mobileapp/>



To stay informed on the most current information, updated warnings and alerts, you can download the Georgia app, which is available for free on both iPhone and Android devices, key features include:

- A customizable Ready Profile featuring a Ready kit checklist of emergency supplies and a family disaster plan
- “I Am Safe” notification that notifies your emergency contacts that you are safe after an emergency
- Live weather, disaster and public health alerts delivered based on your location
- Maps that show live traffic conditions, open shelter locations, evacuation routes and more
- Information on how to prepare for different threats and local contacts to help.

- B. **Make your own Ready Kit:** Using the items on the checklist below in case you have to evacuate. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. You can also download a printable version of the Ready Kit at: http://ready.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Ready-Kit-Checklist-Handout_2015-1.pdf. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, seniors or family members with special needs. Add those items to your kit and start packing it today. You can also download the **Ready Georgia app** to have this checklist with you all the time. Or, for a customized emergency plan that will include a detailed checklist with items that are specific to you and your family's needs, as well as a communications plan to help you reconnect after an emergency.

Recommended Items for your Ready Kit:

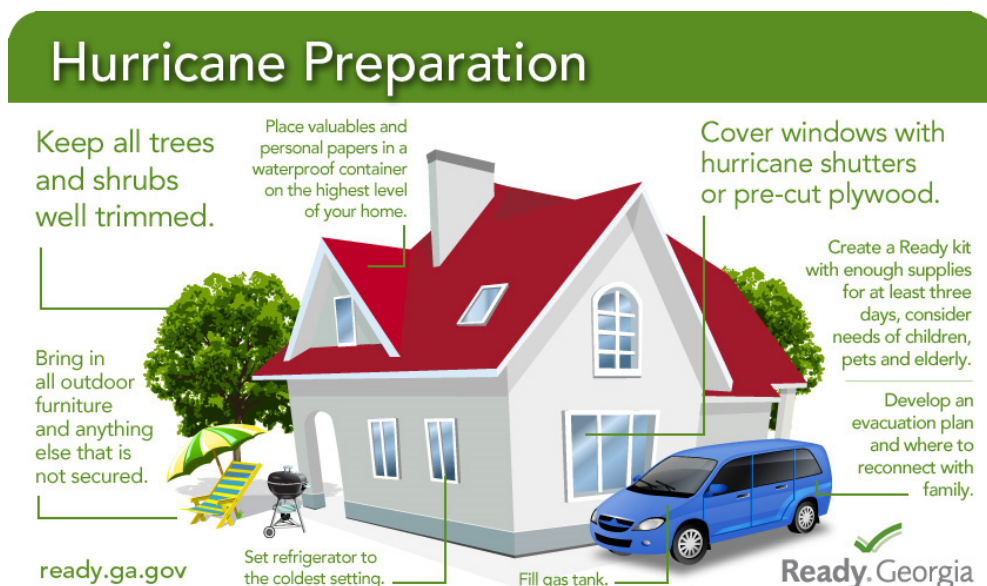
- **Water:** One gallon per person per day, for at least 3 days, for drinking and hygiene.
- **Food:** At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food. Go to: <http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/winter-advisories-and-ice-storms/no-power-no-problem-recipes/> for recipe ideas featuring non-perishable foods, manual tools and alternative heating sources.
- **Can opener:** For food, if kit contains canned food
- **Radio:** Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) with tone alert, and extra batteries for both.
- **Emergency charger:** For mobile devices.
- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- **First aid kit**
- **Whistle:** To signal for help.
- **Face mask:** To help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- **Moist towelette, garbage bags and plastic ties.** For personal hygiene.
- **Wrench or pliers:** To turn off utilities.
- **Local maps**

Additional Items

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, extra water, pet supplies, toys and vaccination forms.
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider adding bedding in cold weather.
- Complete change of clothing. Include a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider adding clothing in cold weather.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils and paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.

- C. **Prepare a Family Communications Plan:** Your family may not be together when disaster strikes. Make a plan today. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. Address the unique needs of pets, older loved ones and family members with special needs in your plan. You can download and fill out our Family Emergency Plan form or create a Customized Plan for you and your family by going to our website at: <http://ready.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/familyemergencyplan.pdf>
- D. **Know what you are facing:** Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane.
- A tropical storm/**hurricane watch** means sustained tropical storm (39 mph to 73 mph) / hurricane (74 mph and higher) force winds are possible within 48 hours. Be prepared to evacuate.
 - A tropical storm/**hurricane warning** means sustained tropical storm (39 mph to 73 mph) / hurricane (74 mph and higher) force winds are expected within 36 hours. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately.
- E. **Make an evacuation plan for your family:** Go to <http://ready.ga.gov/make-a-plan/evacuation/> to find out how to make plans if you have to leave your home and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate, evacuation routes, list of open shelters, plan where your pet can go, and other Information during an evacuation.
- F. **Prepare to secure your property.**
- Cover all of your home's windows with hurricane shutters to protect them from high winds. Another option is to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine pre-cut plywood. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
 - Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
 - Keep all trees and shrubs well-trimmed to make them more wind-resistant.
 - If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.

Check out the infographic below for more tips on getting your home ready to weather the storm.



G. **Plan ahead for your pets.** Shelters cannot accept pets due to health reasons, so it's important to find a pet-friendly hotel or make arrangements with family or friends in advance. For information go to: <http://ready.ga.gov/make-a-plan/georgia-pets/>

H. **Know your area's flood risk** – if unsure, call your local emergency management agency at <http://ready.ga.gov/get-involved/emergency-management-agency-contacts/> and enter your address & zip for the nearest office near you or visit www.floodsmart.gov.

For additional Information regarding flooding, you can go to: <http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/floods-and-flash-floods/>

I. **Property insurance does not typically cover flood damage.** Talk to your insurance provider about your policy and consider if you need additional coverage. The National Flood Insurance Program is designed to provide reasonable flood insurance in exchange for the careful management of flood-prone areas by local communities. The program, administered by FEMA, is available in hundreds of participating Georgia communities. You can access the information by going to: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.

DURING A HURRICANE

If a hurricane is likely in your area, you should:

- Listen to the radio or TV or download the [Ready Georgia app](#).
- Secure your home, close storm shutters and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- [Turn off utilities](#) if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Learn how to [keep food safe in an emergency](#).
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.
- Moor your boat if time permits.
- Have a [supply of water](#) for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.

You should [evacuate](#) under the following conditions:

- If you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.
- If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure – such shelters are particularly hazardous during a hurricane no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If you live in a high-rise building – hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.
- If you live on the coast, on a floodplain, near a river, or on an island waterway.
- You should be able to move your valuables within 15 minutes.

If you are unable to evacuate, go to your safe room. If you do not have one, follow these guidelines:

- Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.

- Close all interior doors – secure and brace external doors.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level. If flooding occurs, be prepared to take shelter on a floor above the flooding.
- Avoid elevators.

AFTER A HURRICANE

- Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information about what is happening and what you should do. However, you should listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#), watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Stay out of flood waters, if possible. The water may be contaminated or electrically charged. However, should you find yourself trapped in your vehicle in rising water get out immediately and seek higher ground.
- Be alert for tornadoes and flooding. If you see a funnel cloud or if local authorities issue a **tornado warning** take shelter underground or in an interior room away from windows. If waters are rising quickly or local authorities issue a **flood** or **flash flood** warning, seek higher ground.
- Stay away from downed power lines to avoid the risk of electric shock or electrocution.
- Do not return to your home until local authorities say it is safe. Even after the hurricane and after flood waters recede, roads may be weakened and could collapse. Buildings may be unstable, and drinking water may be contaminated. Use common sense and exercise caution.



Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency

Hurricane Florence Information

September 12, 2018

The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency is actively monitoring Hurricane Florence and coordinating with our federal, state, local, public and private sector partners to keep Georgians safe and assist neighboring states.

Governor Nathan Deal issued a State of Emergency for all 159 Georgia counties.

Information and Resources

Travelers are urged to use caution on the roads. Increased traffic is expected. Roadway information can be found at 511ga.org. For those seeking information on lodging and hotels, we encourage you to visit exploregorgia.org or visit online lodging website.

Georgia State Parks, including campsites and cottages, are open to evacuees. Georgia State Parks will not be turning away any visitors seeking assistance.

- All cabins will be allowed to accommodate domestic pets. Pet fees will be waived during this weather event.
- Parks that currently have overnight equestrian facilities will allow visitors traveling with horses to use portable corrals and high lines (with tree saver straps). AH Stephens State Park will utilize the event field as an overflow for their equestrian campground.
- For information about parks, updates and how to rent facilities please go to <https://gastateparks.org/alerts>.

The Atlanta Motor Speedway camping facilities are open for evacuees seeking refuge from Hurricane Florence. Campgrounds utilized will be Legends for dry camping and Premium (main entrance road) for hook-ups.

- More information can be found at <http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com/media/news/ams-opening-camping-facilities-hurricane-florence-evacuees.html>.

Georgia Department of Agriculture has temporarily suspended interstate movement requirements for animals evacuating from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Visit the [Ga. Department of Agriculture website](http://Ga.DepartmentofAgriculture.com) for more information.

We are monitoring fuel supplies across the state, and there are no fuel shortages reported at this time.

Additional Sources of Info

- [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](http://SouthCarolinaEmergencyManagementDivision.com)
- [North Carolina Department of Public Safety](http://NorthCarolinaDepartmentofPublicSafety.com)
- [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](http://VirginiaDepartmentofEmergencyManagement.com)

Regardless of the forecast, there are steps you can take to ensure you and those you care for are ready for a weather emergency. Make a communications plan, build a Ready Kit and take steps to stay informed on all local alerts. For more details on how to be prepared, visit the [Ready Georgia](http://ReadyGeorgia.com) website to begin your planning now.

GEMA/HS will provide additional information and updates regarding Hurricane Florence via this website, and our social media.