

VWMC members,

This special set of announcement focuses on hurricane preparedness information. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October.

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1.) Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

-- Hurricane Webpage: <http://www.vaemergency.gov/prepare-recover/threat/hurricanes/> (also available in Spanish: <http://www.vaemergency.gov/es/threats/hurricanes/>)

-- Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide -- <http://www.vaemergency.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Hurricane-Evacuation-Guide-Electronic-Spread-View72DPI.pdf>

-- Know Your Zone -- In June 2017, Virginia launched new tiered evacuation zones for coastal Virginia. To find out which zone you live (or work) in, visit www.KnowYourZoneVA.org. People without internet access should contact their local emergency managers or call 211.

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2.) Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

-- Hurricanes and Flood Information for Wells and Drinking Water -- <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/environmental-health-services/shellfish-sanitation/water-guidance/>

-- Natural Disasters -- <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness/natural-disasters/>

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3.) Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

-- Household Water Quality: Emergency Supplies of Water for Drinking and Food Preparation -- <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/BSE/BSE-209/BSE-209.html>

-- Food Safety Info sheet: Be Ready for Storms -- <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/3108/3108-7021/3108-7021.html>

-- Food Safety Infosheet: Recovering from a Storm -- https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/3108/3108-7022/3108-7022_PDF.pdf

-- Pet Preparedness -- <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/VCE/VCE-414/VCE-414.html>

-- Equine Emergency Preparedness in Virginia -- <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/406/406-500/406-500.html> (Equine Evacuation Sites --

https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/ANR/ANR-228/ANR-228-PDF.pdf)\

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4.) Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs

-- Protecting Your Chemical Storage Area from Storms and Floods --

<https://sites.google.com/a/vt.edu/virginia-tech-pesticide-programs/info-center/protecting-your-chemical-storage-area-from-storms-and-floods>

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