

Hurricane Preparedness

“Be Prepared”

The hurricane/coastal storm season in New York State begins June 1 and runs through November 30. New Yorkers everywhere, including right here in Steuben County, need to begin taking steps to prepare themselves and their families for this storm season because past history reveals that the entire state, including Steuben County, is vulnerable to the effect of hurricanes in Atlantic coastal areas particularly from extensive flooding if a storm moves inland.

You should take steps now to prepare yourself for any emergency as well as for this years hurricane season. Here are some helpful hints to keep yourself and your family prepared:

- Discuss with family members what they should do in the event of a disaster, such as a hurricane or severe storm. Pick two places to meet: a spot outside your home for an emergency, such as a fire, and a place away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Designate an out-of-area friend or relative whom separated family members should call to report their whereabouts. Make certain all family members have the phone number.
- Continue to listen to local radio, television reports or NOAA Weather Radio for latest information on the storm's progress and for bulletins from emergency officials
- Make sure you have adequate supplies of batteries, flashlights and battery-operated radios
- Check on your supply of canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- Secure or bring inside lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools that could become a projectile in high winds.
- Have on hand an extra supply of cash in case banks and ATM's are inoperable.
- Make plans now on what to do with your pets should you be required to evacuate your home because public health regulations do not allow pets in public shelters and most hotels/motels do not allow them. Refer to our web site for more information
http://readysteuben.com/family.php?page=Ready_Pets

For additional information on preparedness, contact the Steuben County Office of Emergency Management at 607-664-2700.

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