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## Harford County Offers Safety Tips for 2021 Hurricane Season

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (May 28, 2021) –The hurricane season affecting Harford County runs from June 1 to November 30, with most hurricane-like weather seen in mid-August through late October. Preparing for hurricanes and other serious storms helps protect you, your family, and your community.

“Harford is not immune to nature’s destructive power, and it only takes one storm to have a lasting impact,” Harford County Director of Emergency Services Edward Hopkins said. “Most people may not know that six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. One to two feet of rushing water is enough to carry away most vehicles, including pickups and SUVs. If you come to an area covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground or roadway underneath it. Remember – Turnaround, Don’t Drown.”


The Harford County Department of Emergency Services also offers the following safety tips to prepare for hurricane season:

- Sign up now to receive Harford County’s emergency alerts:  
<https://harfordcounty.bbcportal.com/>.
- Make an emergency plan with your family.
- Familiarize yourself with emergency evacuation routes and high ground in your area.
- Have an emergency supply kit ready with a minimum of 3 to 7 days of nonperishable food and water (1 gallon of water per person per day at a minimum).
- Remember to stock food and water for your pets.
- Check your supply of prescription medicines and ensure that you have extra on hand.
- Ensure that cellphones and other mobile devices are fully charged.
- Stay tuned to radio station WXCY 103.7 FM and local TV news for official weather information.

“Harford’s first responders and emergency service providers are ready to respond in a disaster, but citizens who take these simple steps now will help keep everyone safe this hurricane season,” County Executive Barry Glassman said.

To view or print a copy of Harford County’s Emergency Preparedness Guide, please visit <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5328>.

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