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Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is upon us. With storms already affecting other regions of the United States, New Jersey is preparing for its first storm of the season as Tropical Storm Hanna nears the East Coast. Now is the time to make sure you and your family are prepared.

“When hurricanes and tropical storms are approaching, there are many things you can do to protect and prepare your family,” stated Herb Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator for the Salem and Cumberland County Health Departments.

- Listen to a battery-operated radio/TV for storm reports and any related instructions.
- Check the items in your emergency kit:
 - 3 days' worth of water (1 gallon/person/day)
 - Ready-to-eat canned foods, dried ,fruits, & granola bars
 - Manual can opener
 - Infant formula and diapers (if appropriate)
 - Change of clothes and footwear per person
 - 1 blanket per person
 - Extra set of keys
 - Credit card, and cash
 - 1 flashlight per person
 - Extra batteries
 - Paper goods
 - Personal hygiene products
 - Important family documents
 - Extra pair of glasses
 - Family phone directory
 - First Aid Kit
 - Food and water for pets (if appropriate)
- Be sure you have necessary medications.
- Fuel up your vehicle.
- Bring in outdoor objects (i.e. toys, lawn furniture). Anchor objects that cannot be brought indoors.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
- Store water in clean tubs, bottles, jugs.

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- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- If you own a boat, secure it in a safe location.
- Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power surge when electricity is restored.

“Being prepared and staying informed is important to the safety of our community,” stated Roeschke. Know the local TV and radio stations where you can get storm related information and instructions. For our area:

- Local TV stations include CBS-Channel 3, ABC-Channel 6, NBC-Channel 10
- Local radio stations include KYW 1060 (AM) and WIXM 97.3 (FM)

For further information on hurricane preparedness, visit our website at www.cshealth.org.