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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RALEIGH NC  
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...NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK...

This week has been declared North Carolina's hurricane awareness week for 2008. All week long the national weather service will be issuing informative messages to help you prepare for hurricane season.

If you are HURRICANE AWARE you will be able to answer these questions.

What are the Hurricane Hazards? What threats do wind and tornadoes pose to my home and family?

Is Inland Flooding a serious issue?

Do I live in an area prone to flooding and is my house surrounded by large trees?

Am I seeking shelter in a strong sturdy home?

What actions should I take to be prepared?

Do I have a Family Disaster Plan, Disaster Supply and a place to evacuate to if necessary?

Taking action is as easy as one...two...three...  
Before hurricane season you should...

Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit. These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location. Also develop your Family Disaster Plan. Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area and where you would go if you had to evacuate. Identify an out-of-town family contact.

When a Hurricane Watch is issued for the North Carolina Coast you should...  
Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit and replenish your water. Then activate your Family Disaster Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those with coastal property including houses and boats.

When a Hurricane Warning is issued you should...

Ready your Disaster Supply Kit for use. If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit with you. Use your Family Disaster Plan. Your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

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