Hurricane

* The nature of a hurricane provides for more warning than other natural and weather disasters. A hurricane watch issued when a hurricane becomes a threat to a coastal area. A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane winds of 74 mph or higher, or a combination of dangerously high water and rough seas, are expected in the area within 24 hours.

Once a hurricane watch has been issued:

* Stay calm and await instructions from the emergency coordinator or the designated official.
* Moor any boats securely, or move to a safe place if time allows.
* Continue to monitor local TV and radio stations for instructions.
* Move early out of low-lying areas or from the coast, at the request of officials.
* If you are on high ground, away from the coast and plan to stay, secure the building, moving all loose items indoors and boarding up windows and openings.
* Collect drinking water in appropriate containers.

Once a hurricane warning has been issued:

* Be ready to evacuate as directed by the emergency coordinator and/or the designated official.
* Leave areas that might be affected by storm tide or stream flooding.

During a hurricane:

* Remain indoors and consider the following:
* Small interior rooms on the lowest floor and without windows,
* Hallways on the lowest floor away from doors and windows, and
* Rooms constructed with reinforced concrete, brick, or block with no windows.