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### Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) recommends residents prepare an “emergency kit” of a minimum of 14 days of food, water and other supplies. With Hawaii’s remoteness, in a major disaster it could be as long as 14 days before a full relief operation is in place. Enclosed please find a Hawaii Red Cross emergency planning flyer for your information.

Residents also should maintain high awareness when an active tropical cyclone system is near to Hawaii. The Department of Emergency Management will issue Emergency Public Information over TV and radio. Residents can also receive emergency information by calling the Department of Emergency Management at (808) 723-8960 or State of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency at (808) 733-4300. In addition, residents can receive emergency information via:

**NOAA Weather Radio** – NOAA Weather Alert Radio provides hazard notices 24 hours a day about severe weather, hurricanes and tropical storms, and tsunami events. These short-wave radios are available from many Oahu electronics and department stores.

**NIXLE Messaging** – The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) highly recommends signing up to receive emergency email and text messages sent directly to your cell phone from Nixle. Go to [www.nixle.com/dem](http://www.nixle.com/dem) to set up your account. Standard text messaging charges may apply.

**Social Media** – DEM will also issue information updates via Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Oahu\\_DEM](http://www.twitter.com/Oahu_DEM) and Facebook: [www.facebook.com/OahuDEM](http://www.facebook.com/OahuDEM). NOTE: DEM Twitter and Facebook pages should not be used to request emergency assistance.

**ReadyHawaii App** – Be ready for hurricanes, tsunamis, and other natural or man-made disasters with the official Ready Hawaii app. With Ready Hawaii, you can also access the tsunami and new Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Zone maps. Ready Hawaii can be downloaded free on iTunes or Google Play.

Know where to go, what to do, and when to do it....ahead of time. Now is the time to prepare!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bertrand Kobayashi".

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# Get a Kit

## Disaster Emergency Kit

Have 14 days' worth of supplies at home to shelter in place or in a compact portable container to take to a shelter. If you live or work within the Tsunami Evacuation Zone, have a 1-3 day Disaster Emergency Kit that you can grab and walk out of the inundation zone.



- **Water:** 1 gallon per person per day
- **Food:** non-perishable easy-to-prepare
- **Flashlight:** Radio-NOAA Weather Radio
- **Extra batteries**
- **First aid kit**
- **Medications and medical items**
- **Manual can opener**
- **Multi-purpose tool**
- **Personal hygiene items**
- **Copies of documents:** prescriptions, proof of address, deed/lease to home, insurance policies and proof of identity
- **Cell phone with chargers**
- **Family contact information**
- **Cash**
- **Bedding supplies:** cots will not be provided in a Hurricane Evacuation Shelter or Tsunami Refuge Area
- **Change of clothes**
- **Towels**
- **Dishes**
- **Tools** to help secure and re-enter your home



### You may also need:

- **Baby supplies:** bottles, baby food and diapers
- **Games and activities for children**
- **Comfort items**
- **Pet supplies:** collar, leash, ID, food, water, carrier, bowl and medications

### Evacuation Shelters:

Download a list of Hurricane Evacuation Shelters and Tsunami Refuge Areas from your local Civil Defense website. Listen to the radio during an emergency to see which sites are opened.



# Make a Plan

- **Meet with your household and prepare** for emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, work and play.
- **Identify responsibilities** for each person and work as a team.
- **If a family member needs special accommodations,** figure out how and who can help.

### Plan what to do in case you are separated

#### Choose two places to meet:

- 1) Near your home in case of a sudden emergency.
- 2) Outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.



#### Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person:

It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or programmed into their cell phones.

### Plan how you would evacuate

**Decide where you would go and what route to take.** You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or relatives or go to an evacuation shelter if necessary.

**Practice** evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned route and plot alternates on your map in case roads are closed.

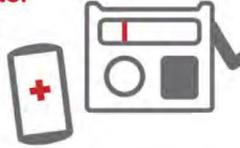
**Plan ahead for your pets** by making an evacuation plan for your pets too.

You may want to make arrangements with a kennel, friend or have your pet go with you to a pet friendly shelter. If the shelter does not have a pet-friendly area, you can keep the pet in your vehicle.

# Be Informed

### Safe and Well website.

An Internet tool to keep loved ones connected; available for major disasters through [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). People within a disaster-affected area can register themselves as "safe and well" and concerned family and friends who know the person's phone number or address can search for messages posted by those who self-register. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-800-RED-CROSS** to register yourself and your family.



### Learn what disasters or emergencies may occur.

These events can range from those affecting only you and your family, like a home fire or medical emergency, to those affecting your entire community. Hawaii is at risk for many hazards including Hurricanes, Tsunami, Flooding, Earthquakes, Landslides, Tornadoes and Volcanic Eruptions.

### Stay informed by authorities during a disaster.

Local emergency agencies will broadcast through multiple media sources—local radio, TV, NOAA Weather Radio and social media. Civil Defense may sound sirens in your neighborhood to notify the public of a Tsunami, Hurricane or Hazardous Release. Local Civil Defense agencies have emergency alert e-mail and text services for the public.



### Get Trained.

Make sure that at least one member of your household is trained in First Aid and CPR and knows how to use an AED. Find a class near you at [redcross.org/takeaclass](http://redcross.org/takeaclass)