

Jekyll Island

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Hurricane Season is Upon Us. Are you prepared?

The Jekyll Island Department of Public Safety provides tips and advice for staying safe during Hurricane Season.

The Jekyll Island Department of Public Safety asks everyone to take a few minutes and review the following guidelines so you can be prepared in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane. Now is the time to prepare so once again let's brace for a busy hurricane season and pray for a mild one.

For more in-depth meteorological information directly from the NWS office with forecast responsibilities for most of Georgia, visit www.noaa.gov. The National Hurricane Center Web site is www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Let's Talk Preparedness

Prepare a disaster kit for your home: We must face the fact that Georgia is a hurricane prone area. Our state has been spared the ravages of a direct hit for more than a century. We ask that you stock up on nonperishable food and water to sustain you and your family for up to 72 hours or longer. Ensure you have important papers (e.g. insurance, identification and cash), first aid kit, a supply of prescription medicines and other specialty items in your preparedness kit. In addition, plan to have an emergency kit for your car in case you need to evacuate. While creating a disaster kit, pet owners should remember to pack the necessary items for their pets. Find more information on preparing your disaster kit: www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html

Create an emergency plan: Know what to do if you have to evacuate. Make sure you know how to contact members of your family and also have an emergency contact number for a friend or relative out of state that knows your location in the event of an emergency. Make certain your pets are included in your emergency plan and remember that most shelters do not accept pets. Please offer assistance to a family member or neighbor that may be alone and in need assistance during an emergency. To stay informed during a storm keep a battery-powered radio with extra batteries for weather and evacuation information. Make plans ahead of time and practice them.

Be informed: Know your evacuation routes and listen to local authorities when asked to evacuate. Be aware of your risk to storms whether you live on the coast or inland and speak with your insurance agent now about flood insurance. The Georgia coast is at risk for flooding and homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is a cost-effective way to financially prepare for floods. To learn more about your risk and flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov.

About Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island is a barrier island on Georgia's coast – midway between Jacksonville, Fla. And Savannah, Ga. Accessible by car just minutes from I-95, Jekyll Island offers a variety of amenities, including 10 miles of beach, four golf courses, a 250-acre Historic Landmark District, water park, tennis center, an array of lodging options including hotels, cottages and campgrounds. Owned by the State of Georgia, and managed by the Jekyll Island State Park Authority, Jekyll Island has had development limited to just 35 percent of its available land area. This unique aspect of Jekyll Island serves to preserve the critical barrier island ecosystem, and provide guests with a unique escape from the crowds and complications of other beach resort destinations. The Jekyll Island Foundation is a public 501 (c) 3 organization which operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to support the work of the Jekyll Island Authority by assisting in the preservation, conservation and appreciation of Jekyll Island. Please visit www.jekyllisland.com for more information or call 1-877-4JEKYLL.

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