

EDEN Resource Updates

Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30, 2021

Hello Friends -

Hurricane Season 2021 has officially begun. Season outlook for this year includes 13-20 named storms, 6-10 hurricanes, and 3-5 major hurricanes. There is a 60% chance that the season will above-normal.

The time to plan is **NOW**! Our number one goal is to make sure that everyone stays safe this hurricane season. One tool toward that goal is to ensure that everyone has a plan. Developing a plan should not be overwhelming and can include a conversation with loved ones on steps you would take in the event of a hurricane. There are some great resources and templates out there to help guide this process, and I have included some below.

Developing a supply kit is also essential. Use a supply checklist and gradually buy supplies each week. This will reduce 'panic mode' buying when a storm is looming. Also, the Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax holiday is going on now through Sunday, June 6th – Great time to grab some supplies!

Feel free to share these resources and contact us if there is a resource you would like to share with our UF/IFAS Family.

Thanks and Stay Safe!

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June 2nd Resource UPDATE

Hurricane Season 2021

<u>2021 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</u> – Prepare for the season by taking advantage of the 2021 Tax Holiday, which runs from **Friday**, **May 28th** – **Sunday**, **June 6th**.

<u>Disaster Supply Full Checklist</u> – Comprehensive checklist from FL Division of Emergency Management.

<u>Preparing a Plan</u> – Templates for preparing a family plan and a business plan from FL Division of Emergency Management.

<u>askIFAS Preparation Publications</u> - Great EDIS resources on disaster preparation including disaster planning for older adults, evacuating your home, and developing a household inventory.

<u>Creating a Supply Kit</u> – Checklist for developing a supply kit including a pet supply kit.

<u>UF/IFAS Disaster Prep for Health, Home & Pets</u> – Great preparedness resources for all things home, health and pets. Be sure to also click the link for blogs on disaster preparation (located on same page).

<u>Family Communication Plan</u> – Building a family communication plan including tips on utilizing social media if telephones are not working.

<u>First-Aid Checklist</u> – The American Red Cross suggests that a first-aid kit for a family is essential. This piece provides items that should be in kit, how to customize your kit, and resources on taking action.

<u>FEMA Shelter-in-Place Guidelines</u> – FEMA recently released Shelter-in-Place Guidelines for 10 hazards including active shooter, chemical hazard, earthquake, flooding, hurricane, nuclear hazards, pandemic, thunderstorm, tornado, and winter storm.

Upcoming Trainings & Webinars:

<u>FEMA – Exercise Starter Kit Webinars</u> – FEMA will host webinars for whole community exercise practitioners. Webinars will introduce new exercise starter kits, providing stakeholders with an overview of how to use them. Last webinar scheduled June 7th at 9 a.m. ET.

<u>FEMA COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance Webinars</u> – FEMA will offer a series of webinars throughout the month of June (June 3 – June 17, 2021) to further educate people on the pandemic and operational guidance.

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