



EMERGENCY Preparation Checklist

Before Hurricane Season:

- Trim trees around the home, especially those with weak limbs
- Tighten loose gutters and roof tiles
- Have window and door coverings (plywood or storm shutters) in good condition and ready to install if needed
- Review insurance policies to be certain they are up-to-date and have a photo or video inventory of possessions
- Know where all important documents are (insurance, wills, marriage licenses, etc.)
- Be certain that your survival kit is complete
- Make sure pets have some form of identification and are current on vaccinations
- Have a carrier for each pet and maintain at least a one week food supply of pet food, cat litter, special medications and other necessary supplies

Prepare a Survival Kit:

- Portable radio
- Extra batteries
- Flashlight(s), extra bulbs and candles
- Manual can opener
- First aid kit, special medications and an extra pair of eyeglasses if you wear them
- 14-day supply of non-perishable ready-to-eat food
- Ice chest and blue-ice packs
- Containers of water (minimum of 2 qts per person per day)
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Change of clothing for each family member
- Matches or lighter.
- Camp stove, lantern and fuel
- Personal hygiene sanitary supplies, diapers
- Bleach
- Plastic sheeting and garbage bags
- Masking Tape for windows and glass doors
- Playing cards, books, quiet games, children's favorite toy

WHAT IS A HURRICANE:

Hurricanes are intense, compact cyclones that form over warm tropical waters. They're like giant whirlwinds, with air moving in a large tightening spiral around a center of extreme low pressure. They pack winds from 74-200 mph. The storm affects the ocean surface and lower atmosphere over tens of thousands of square miles causing strong winds, heavy rains and tornados.

Hurricanes may also cause high waters known as storm surge and create flood conditions in coastal and low lying areas. More lives are claimed by storm surge and flooding in most parts of the world than by the winds of the hurricane.

GALE FORCE WINDS

Sustained surface winds or frequent gusts from 39-54 mph

TROPICAL DEPRESSION

A storm with sustained winds of less than 39 mph

TROPICAL STORM

A storm with sustained winds from 39-73 mph

HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane force winds may occur within 48 hours

HURRICANE WARNING

Dangerous conditions expected within 36 hours

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

American Red Cross:	
General Information	1-808-734-2101
Disaster Relief	1-808-773-1141
The Gas Company	1-800-828-9359
Department of Water Trouble Calls	1-808-270-7633
Department of Water Molokai Office	553-3531
Hawaiian Telcom Repair	611
Oceanic Time Warner Cable	643-2337
Maui Electric Company	1-877-871-8461 Then Press 2
Molokai Humane Society	558-0000
	(Leave a message and they'll call you back)
Molokai Police Department	553-5355

RADIO STATIONS:

KPOA 93.5 FM	KMVI 550 AM
KNUI 99.9 FM	KNUI 900 AM
KLHI 92.5 FM	KMKK 102.3 FM (Molokai)

For more information go to "www.mauiready.org"

To track weather and storm alerts go to "www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl"



HURRICANE AND DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS

A Guide for Molokai



BEFORE A HURRICANE

Don't wait until a warning is given to begin making your plans. Have your survival kit ready and know where the emergency shelters are located. **"Make sure your center is open."**

Remember to Leave Early. Don't wait to Evacuate.

Tsunami:	Maunaloa Elementary School Molokai High School Kualapuu School
Hurricane:	Molokai High School Kualapuu School

If you or a family member is receiving special medical treatment (such as dialysis or chemotherapy), know what the procedures are for emergency conditions.

Adopt a kupuna or home bound person in your neighborhood to help during this time of emergency.

If you live in a flood zone or think your home won't withstand the force of a hurricane, have an evacuation plan ready before a hurricane warning is issued. Prior to leaving home, turn off the electricity and gas. Take your survival kit: **Shelters DO NOT** provide food, bedding, water or other essential items. Provide for your pet, contact the Molokai Humane Society.

Stay Informed...

A monthly test of the EAS and warning sirens is conducted at 11:45a.m. on the first State work day of each month. This consists of a 45 second solid tone. During a disaster, a steady three-minute siren tone is the attention alert signal. When the siren is heard, tune your radio or television to any local station and listen for emergency information and instructions. Listen to the EAS broadcasts for further instructions and the all-clear announcement.

DURING A HURRICANE

Before heavy winds begin, turn off all switches on your electric circuit panel (usually inside the home or garage and turn off the switch for your main breaker (usually outside near your meter).

Once gale force winds are reached, your utility company may begin planned power interruptions to avoid damage to electrical equipment. Unplug electrical appliances and sensitive electrical equipments.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as long as possible. Food may stay frozen in the refrigerator's freezer compartment for 12-48 hours, and may stay frozen up to 72 hours in a fully loaded separate freezer.

Do not be fooled by the calm sometimes experienced in the "eye" of a hurricane: stay indoors during and immediately after the storm. Going outside during the storm could put you and others who try to help you in danger. It may also hamper emergency crews.

AFTER A HURRICANE

In Your Home...

Be sure that your stove, washer, dryer, microwave and other electrical appliances, and the areas around them are completely dry before attempting to plug, unplug, move, or operate them (wait a week or two). If still unsure, contact a technician to inspect for damage.

Check for food spoilage. Food that has warmed to room temperature is probably unsafe to eat. When in doubt, throw it out.

Power Lines and Utility Poles...

When lines from utility poles are on the ground, assume that they are dangerous. Don't touch them. If someone is touching a line, don't try to rescue them yourself and risk becoming a victim; get help immediately by calling 911.

BEWARE! A fence or guard rail can be energized for a thousand yards if it is touching a downed power line. If a power line falls on your car while you are in it, wait for help if possible. If you must get out, jump free of the car so that your body clears the vehicle before touching the ground.

Using a Generator...

Before operating a generator, be sure your home is not connected to MECO's system where electric lines feed into the meter. Turn off the main breaker to your home before operating a generator.

If your generator is being used to power an individual appliance or piece of equipment, make sure it is connected directly to your generator.

This keeps the power safely isolated from any other wiring in your building or beyond. Follow the instruction manual to properly ground the generator. Make sure the generator location is properly ventilated to reduce danger of fumes and overheating. Minimize the noise impact as much as possible. Store reserve fuel in a safe place away from the generator.

AFTER A DISASTER

Be sure to stay off the roads unless necessary. Normal means of communications: telephones, cellular and the internet may be interrupted for a long time. Attempts will be made to bring essential services such as water to each community. Those "aid stations" will also serve as centers for accurate information and access to other services.

Helpful Hints...

Don't use discolored water or water that has things floating... Boil water if at all possible...as last resort you can add 16 drops of UNSCENTED bleach to a gallon of water that looks clean and let stand for 30 minutes.



When a hurricane watch is announced by the National Weather Service...

- ☐ Tie down or store all loose objects
- ☐ Bring all potted plants into the house
- ☐ Remove and store lanai furniture
- ☐ Tape windows and sliding glass doors (to contain shattered glass if a window breaks)
- ☐ Store all propane tanks
- ☐ Store insurance and other essential documents in waterproof packets
- ☐ Wrap cameras, computers, VCR's, stereos and microwaves in waterproof sheeting
- ☐ Freeze water to fill all available freezer space; in the event of a lengthy power outage, frozen foods will stay cold longer in a fully loaded freezer
- ☐ Fill up the gas tank of your car
- ☐ Clean thoroughly and disinfect bathtubs with bleach; fill with water
- ☐ Fill as many clean containers as possible with water (do not use milk containers; they have milk residue which makes drinking water unpleasant)
- ☐ Line garbage cans with plastic trash bags and fill with water – this water can be used later for non-potable purposes such as flushing toilets
- ☐ Be sure to have extra cash; small denominations and coins

If you finish all of your tasks at home, help a neighbor