



Hurricane Preparedness in the City of Williamsburg

Before the Storm

IMPORTANT: go to the City's website at www.williamsburgva.gov/emergency and sign up to receive emergency updates.

Follow the City on Facebook (Facebook.com/Williamsburg.Virginia) and Twitter (@WilliamsburgGov) for real-time updates.

Monitor local news and weather.

Charge cell phones and check for adequate prescription medication. Fill your car with gas.

Call the City's Human Services Department for special needs assistance at (757) 220-6161.

Prepare to "shelter in place" with provisions enough to live without power, public drinking water, and other public services for at least a week.

Learn your evacuation routes. If citizens need to evacuate, Interstate 64 and Route 60 West are the primary routes to leave the City. Please note that the City of Williamsburg is a host jurisdiction during an evacuation of coastal areas. This means people from other jurisdictions (such as Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and the Outer Banks) may be relocating here during a storm if it is safe to do so.

Know your Neighborhood Response Team (NRT). The NRT are trained citizen volunteers in your neighborhood who assist City officials during emergencies. For more information, contact Human Services at 220-6161 or go to the City's website www.williamsburgva.gov and click on "Emergency Preparedness."

Shelter Information

If needed, the City will open a shelter at the Quarterpath Recreation Center, 202 Quarterpath Road. Information about the shelter, including items to bring, is available at www.williamsburgva.gov/emergency. The shelter is pet-friendly but there are several guidelines to bring a pet. This information can be found on the City's Emergency Preparedness webpage.

After the Storm

Continue to monitor local media, the City's website and social media sites for the most up-to-date information.

Contact utilities directly to report loss of service (several are listed below).

Call the City Emergency Operations Center at 259-7200 to report disaster conditions needing City response (downed trees, debris blocking streets, accidents).

Contact your Neighborhood Response Team Captain if you need the help of trained neighbors.

Useful Phone Numbers and Websites:

Police non-emergency: 220-2331

Fire non-emergency: 220-6220 or 220-2331

Public Works: 220-6140 (After hours 220-6196)

City Manager's Office: 220-6100

Human Services Department: 220-6161

Dominion VA Power: 1-866-366-4357

Virginia Natural Gas: 1-877-572-3342

Cox Communications: 1-757-224-1111

Verizon Telephone: 1-800-275-2355

American Red Cross: www.redcross.org

Virginia Department of Emergency Management: www.vaemergency.gov and www.readyvirginia.gov

Virginia Department of Health: www.vdh.state.va.us

Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.fema.gov

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: www.ready.gov