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## **HURRICANE PREPARATION**

Hurricane Season is upon us. Officially, hurricane season starts on June 1<sup>st</sup> and extends to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Residents all over Texas, especially those living on the Gulf Coast, will undoubtedly start paying more attention to the weather and any activity in the tropics. As Hurricane Harvey taught us, within 56 hours a regenerated tropical depression can turn into a category 4 Hurricane.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center is predicting a near normal 2019 Atlantic hurricane season. Their outlook forecasts a 40% chance of a near normal season, a 30% chance of an above average season and a 30% chance of a below normal season. This outlook reflects competing climate factors. The ongoing El Nino is expected to persist and suppress the intensity of the hurricane season. Countering El Nino, is the expected combination of warmer than average sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, and an enhanced West African monsoon, both of which favor increased hurricane activity. NOAA predicts a likely range of 9 to 15 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher) of which 4 to 8 could become a hurricane (winds of 74 mph or higher) including 2 to 4 major hurricanes (with winds of 111 mph or higher).

Hurricanes can shatter lives and damage property. However, being prepared can help you, your family, or your business minimize the impact of the storm. It is important to start preparing before the threat is imminent. Do not wait until a hurricane watch is issued, as it may be too late to acquire the supplies you need to protect your property. Below are some tips from the Insurance Information Institute to help protect your home or business:

- **Cut weak branches and trees that could fall on your property as well as make sure all shrubby is trimmed.**
- **Install storm shutters to protect your windows from breakage. Alternately, fit plywood panels to your windows, which can be fastened to your window frames when a storm approaches.**
- **Make sure exterior doors are hurricane proof and have at least three hinges and a dead bolt that is a least one inch long.**
- **Sliding glass doors should be made of tempered glass and, during a storm, covered with shutters or plywood. These types of doors are more vulnerable to wind damage than other types of doors.**
- **Seal outside wall openings such as vents, outdoor electrical outlets, garden hose bibs, and locations where cables or pipes go through the walls with a high quality urethane bases caulk to prevent water penetration.**
- **Replace old garage doors and tracks with a door that is approved for both wind pressure and impact protection. Wind coming into the property from an opening this large poses serious problems for the rest of the property.**
- **Replace gravel or rock landscaping materials with mulch, as it is lighter and will not cause has much damage to the property.**

Additionally, make sure and plan out an evacuation route ahead of time and take important documents with you. It is also recommended that you keep non-perishable emergency supplies on hand, as retailers could run out of items quickly as the storm approaches. Until next time my friends, be prepared and stay safe.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 IFMA Lunch	6	7 ACA Golf IFMA Casino Night	8
9	10	11	12 AAFAME Lunch	13 IREM Luncheon	14 CE CLASS	15
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## Events

June 5: IFMA Luncheon  
 June 7: ACA Golf  
 June 7: IFMA Casino Night  
 June 12: AAFAME Lunch  
 June 13: IREM Luncheon  
 June 14: Gerloff CE Class  
 June 16: Fathers Day  
 June 19: IIASA Luncheon  
 June 19: SA BOMA Luncheon  
 June 20: IWSA Luncheon  
 June 20: SAABE Luncheon  
 June 24-26: PLRB Conference-Frisco

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