

BOUCHELLE ISLAND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RECOMMENDATIONS

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During much of the preceding decade, the start of the Atlantic hurricane season involved efforts to grab the public's attention to the potential dangers of severe tropical weather, and to encourage people to take precautions well in advance of storms, rather than waiting until the last minute.

After Hurricane Matthew, no one should take hurricane season lightly. The difference between the storm's predicted track and its actual course proved far too slender to dismiss future forecasts.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS

Disaster supplies kit:

- For your safety and comfort, have a disaster supplies kit packed and ready in one place before a disaster hits.
- Assemble enough supplies to last three days.
- Store your supplies in one or more easy-to-carry containers, such as a backpack or duffle Bag.
- You may want to consider storing supplies in a container that has wheels.
- Be sure your bag has an ID tag
- Label any equipment, such as wheelchairs, canes or walkers, that you would need with your name, address and phone number.
- Keep your kit up to date.

PETS DURING A STORM

Pets need an emergency survival kit just as humans do. Some things to remember to include in your pet's emergency kit are a crate or kennel, leash, collar and proper ID-tags, two week supply of food (moist and dry), with a manual can opener, water, your pet's food and water dishes, cat litter box and litter, toys and treats, pet's bedding. A towel, veterinary records, and a photo of you with your pet for ID purposes. It's also a good idea to include a list of emergency vet locations and numbers and a list of shelters and hotels that accept pets. Don't forget cleaning supplies.

Remember for admittance into kennels, hotels or evacuation shelters that do accept pets, your animal must be up-to-date on vaccinations. Keep your records where you can access them easily.

NOTE: The above information is based on excerpts from the Hometown News dated May 26, 2017 and the Daytona Beach News Journal dated June 1, 2017.