



You can't stop it BUT You can survive it Are YOU prepared?

Hurricanes, flash floods, and tsunamis. These natural disasters can cause widespread devastation in the State of Hawaii. In the case of flash floods and tsunamis, these disasters can strike with little or no warning at any time of the year. While no one is able to prevent natural phenomena from occurring, we can take actions to prepare for these events and survive when they do impact our islands. Here are some tips to help you prepare and sources for additional information.

Can you answer "YES" to these questions?

- Do you know your area?
 - Where is your nearest evacuation shelter?
 - Do you live in a tsunami inundation zone?
 - Do you live in a flood zone?
 - Have you planned your evacuation route?
- Do you have a family Emergency Action Plan?
 - Check out the State Civil Defense web page for assistance in preparing your plan
- Do you have a NOAA Weather Radio?
 - NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day.
 - Weather radios can be purchased at local electronics stores, mail order catalogs, from web sites, and many other locations.
 - Radio frequencies in Hawaii are 162.40 and 162.55 MHz

Tips for Supplies and Documentation

Keep adequate stocks of disaster supplies on hand (enough for 5 to 7 days).

- Batteries
- Canned or dried foods (don't forget your can opener!)
- Bottled water or clean, air tight containers to store adequate drinking water
- First aid kit
- Extra cash
- Medications

Documentation (to help facilitate faster claims processing)

- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates, etc.)
- Insurance policies
- Passports, Social Security cards, health & immunization records
- Inventory of household goods

Check out the web sites listed on this page for additional details on items you need **prior** to a natural disaster.

Contact Information:

NOAA/NWS Honolulu Forecast Office - Phone: (808)973-5286 Web: www.weather.gov/hawaii
NOAA/NWS Central Pacific Hurricane Center - Phone: (808)973-5286 Web: www.weather.gov/cphc
NOAA/NWS Pacific Tsunami Warning Center - Phone: (808)689-8207 Web: ptwc.weather.gov
International Tsunami Information Center - Phone: (808)532-6422 Web: itic.ioc-unesco.org
State Civil Defense - Phone: (808)733-4300 Web: www.scd.hawaii.gov
Oahu Department of Emergency Management - Phone: (808)523-4121 Web: www.honolulu.gov/dem
Hawaii Civil Defense Agency - Phone: (808)935-0031 Web: www.hawaiicounty.gov/civil-defense
Kauai Civil Defense Agency - Phone: (808)241-1800 Web: www.kauai.gov/civildefense
Maui Civil Defense Agency - Phone: (808)270-7285 Web: www.mauicounty.gov/civildefense
American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter - Phone: (808)734-2101 Web: www.hawaiiiredcross.org/

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