



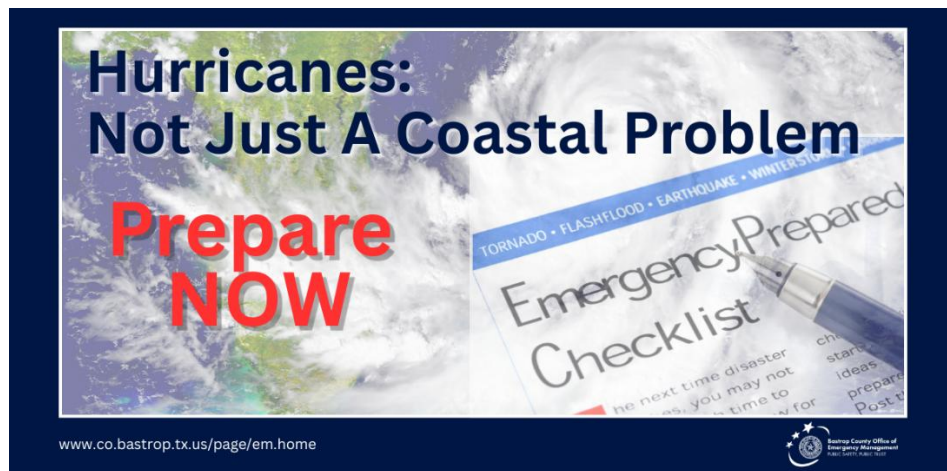
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TIPS & REMINDERS

Hurricanes: Not Just A Coastal Problem

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for more on mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery



The Atlantic Hurricane Season has begun as of June 1 and lasts through November. Even for us in Bastrop County who are not planning a cruise or coastal vacation during Hurricane Season, we must **“BE WEATHER AWARE.”** Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem.

When Hurricane Beryl made landfall over Matagorda Bay July 8, 2024 at 3:40 AM, it was the earliest Category 5 hurricane on record in the Atlantic with 165 mph winds and heavy rainfall. This hurricane caused significant impacts inland.

According to the National Weather Service, it only takes one storm on the Texas Coast to make it a busy, impactful year. It only takes one weak tropical system to sit over South Texas to produce catastrophic rainfall.

Even in Bastrop County, the strength of a strong hurricane – wind and rain -- can cause power outages, flooding, and deaths.



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests these preparedness tips:

- Stay weather informed. In Bastrop County, you can sign up for emergency alerts at <https://www.warncentraltexas.org/>. Also, turn on your smartphone's emergency notifications.
- Keep cell phones charged.
- Make and communicate your family plan. Include a list of emergency contacts.
- Have enough supplies, including non-perishable food and water for at least 72-hours for each household member. Include cash, medication, chargers, radio, disinfectant supplies, and pet supplies.
- Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

For more information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes> and <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

BE WEATHER AWARE and follow trusted sources this hurricane season.

