



2024

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Chatham Emergency Management Agency



# Road Map to Preparedness

**2024 Season Information**

**Chatham County Threats and Hazards**

**The More You Know!**

**Preparing for the Storm**

**Evacuation**

**After a Storm**





# HURRICANE SEASON FORECAST

# 2024

## Colorado State University Hurricane Season Forecast

NAMED STORMS

23

HURRICANES

11

MAJOR HURRICANES

5



# Threats and Hazards

Hurricanes and Tropical Storms can produce several hazards within Chatham County:

- Tornadoes
- Storm Surge
- Excessive Rainfall
- Flooding
- High Surf and Rip Currents



# How to Stay Informed

- CEMA Alerts
  - Text **CEMA** to **77295**
- CEMA's website-  
[ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org)
- Disaster website-  
[ready.chathamcountyga.gov](http://ready.chathamcountyga.gov)
- Social Media
  - @ChathamEMA
  - Be sure they are official sites!
  - Don't create OR share misinformation
- NOAA Weather Radio
  - If you are still in Chatham County, this will allow you to receive local weather alerts, immediately



# Prepare Your Family

- Develop an Evacuation Plan
  - Chatham County resident? You NEED an evacuation plan!
  - Destination could vary on the storm
  - Run from the water/ Hide from the wind
- Create a Communication Plan
  - Text messages are more reliable when systems are overwhelmed
- Assemble Disaster Supplies
  - Staying at home
  - Evacuating the community

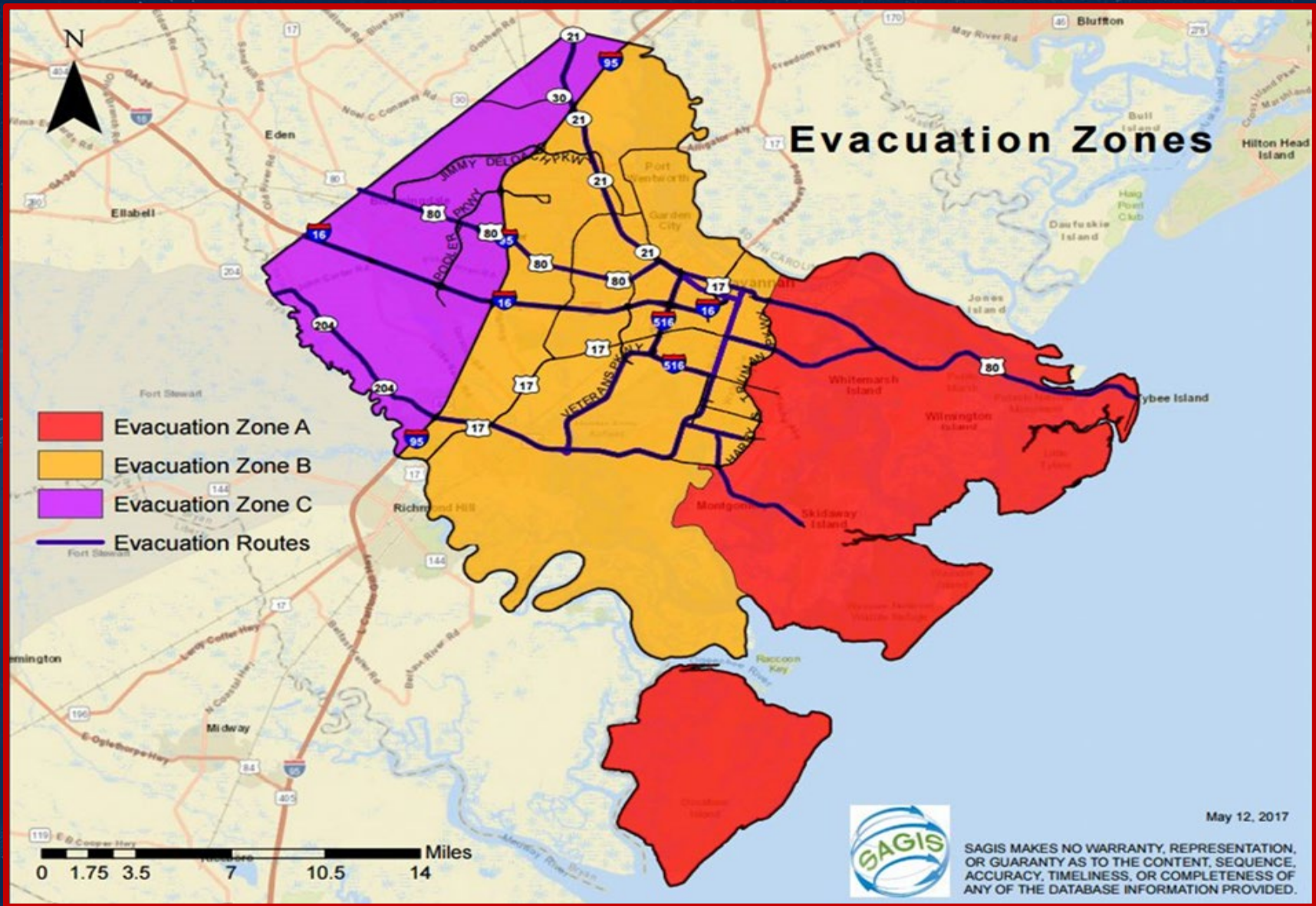


# Home Emergency Kit



- Water
- Non-Perishable Food
- Manual Can Opener
- Flashlight(s)
- Extra Batteries
- Duct Tape
- Lighter and matches
- Evacuation Kit!
- First aid kit
- Work gloves
- Portable Device charger
- Entertainment Options (Adults & Kids)
- Comfort Items
- **Extra cash**
- Paper products (napkins, plates, etc)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Weather Radio!
- Whistle
- Local Map (printed)
- Personal Hygiene Items (Extra Supplies)





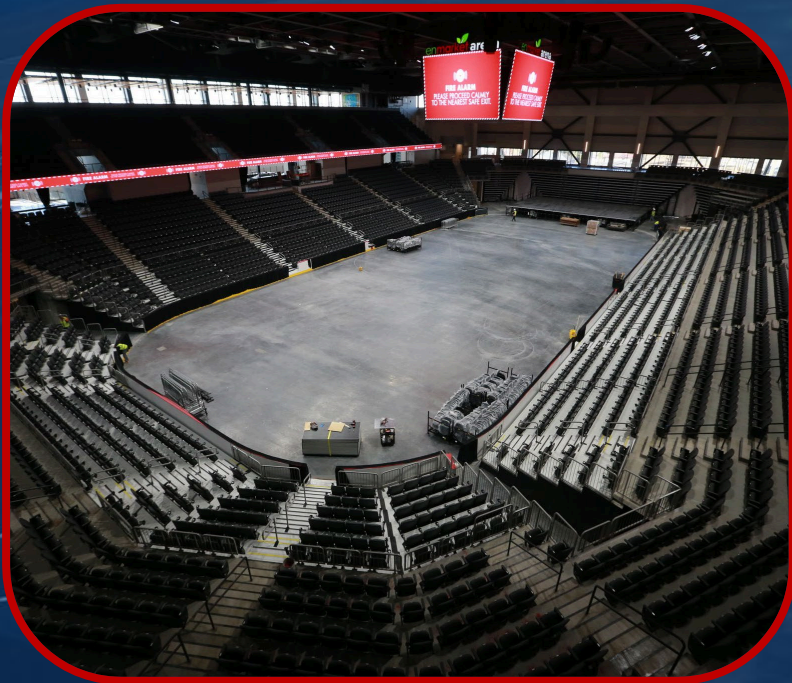


# Evacuation Terminology

- Evacuation Order
  - A general statement used to encourage residents to evacuate
- Mandatory Evacuation Order
  - An Executive Directive requiring all residents, visitors, businesses and anyone else in the target area to evacuate
  - **Personal discretion is NOT an option**



# Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA)



- Getting to a public shelter:
  - Take any Chatham Area Transit bus to the Enmarket Arena (**NEW** location)
  - Register onsite at the Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA)
  - Shuttle to a Macon-Bibb shelter on a bus
- What you can bring:
  - One small/medium hand carry bag, per person
  - Pets will be accepted at the EAA and transported via an animal bus to an inland animal shelter



# The Hurricane Registry

- Purpose
  - To provide residents who have functional, access and medical needs a means of safe evacuation.
- Who May Qualify
  - Residents with:
    - No other resources for evacuating
    - **Functional or Access Needs:** Individuals who need assistance to maintain independence in a shelter
    - **Medical Needs:** Individuals who require the support of trained medical professionals in a shelter setting
- For more information or to register call: **1-833-CHD-REGISTER**



# Re-Entry Planning

1. Render Safe Task Force
2. Life Safety Workforce
3. Essential Public and Private Sector Personnel
4. Local Residents, Property Owners, and Business Owners
5. Open to the public with limited access





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# QUESTIONS?

