



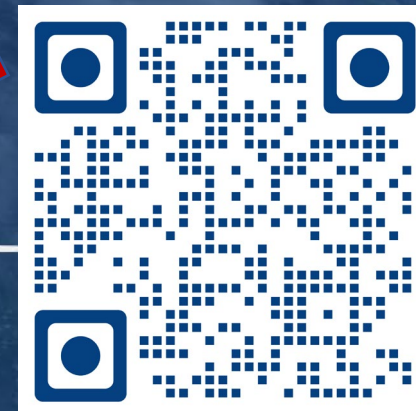
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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

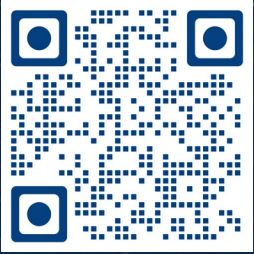
Chatham Emergency Management Agency



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Road Map to Preparedness



2026 Season Information

Chatham County Threats and Hazards

The More You Know!

Preparing for the Storm

Evacuation

After a Storm





HURRICANE SEASON FORECAST

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Colorado State University Hurricane Season Forecast

NAMED STORMS

13

HURRICANES

6

MAJOR HURRICANES

2



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
- Disaster website-
ready.chathamcountyga.gov
- Social Media
 - @ChathamEMA
 - Be sure they are official sites!
 - Don't create OR share misinformation



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

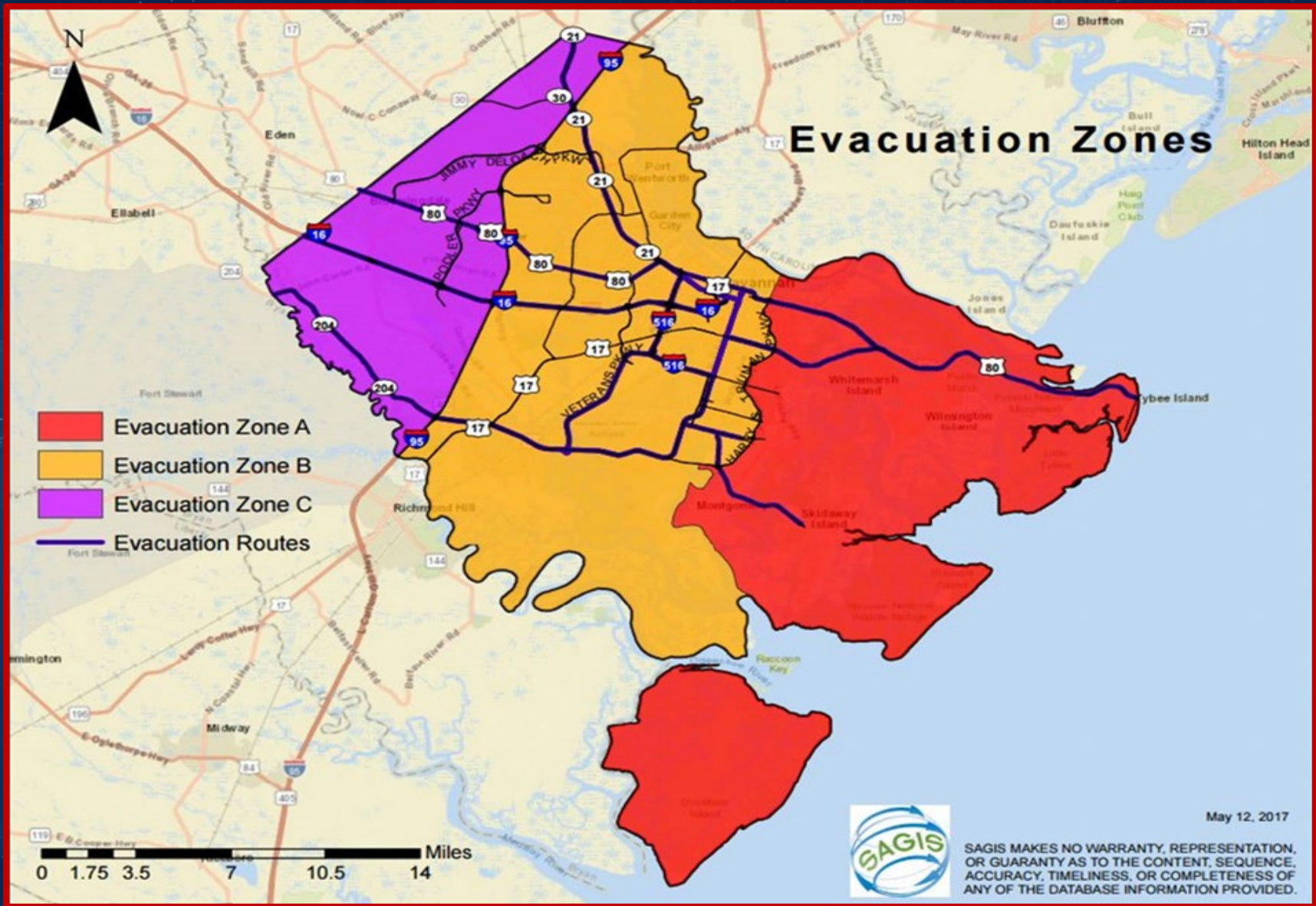


Home Emergency Kit



- 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)



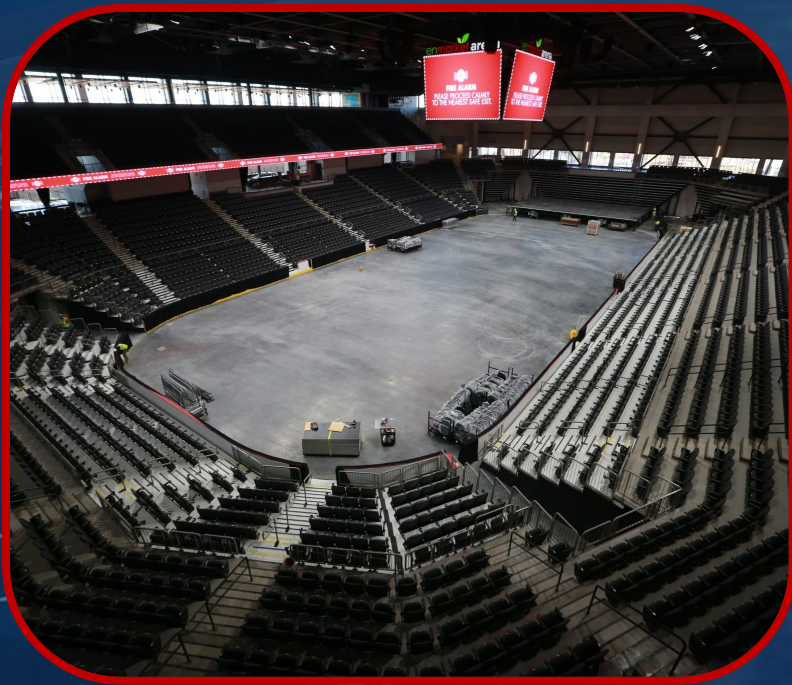


Evacuation Terminology

- 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 (CAT) bus to the Enmarket Arena (**NEW** location)
 - Register onsite at the Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA)
 - Shuttle to a Macon-Bibb County 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**
(1-833-243-7344)



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?

