

CONTENTS

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
FOREWORD	4
SHELTERS WITH WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	6
EMERGENCY SHELTER REGULATIONS	
CATEGORY 1 PUBLIC SHELTERS	
Christ Church	9
St. George	
St. James	
St. John	9
St. Joseph	
St. Michael	
St. Peter	11
St. Philip	11
St. Thomas	11
CATEGORY 1 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS	12
Christ Church	
St. Andrew	
St. George	
St. James	
St. Lucy	13
St. Michael	
	4.4
St. Philip	14
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS	15
	15
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS	15 16
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS. Christ Church. St. Andrew.	15 16
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS. Christ Church St. Andrew. St. George	15 16 16
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS. Christ Church St. Andrew. St. George. St. George	15 16 16 16
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS. Christ Church St. Andrew. St. George. St. George. St. James.	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS. Christ Church. St. Andrew. St. George. St. George. St. James. St. John.	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS. Christ Church. St. Andrew. St. George. St. George. St. James. St. John. St. Joseph. St. Lucy.	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church St. George	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church St. George St. Lucy	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church St. George St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church St. George St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church St. George St. Lucy St. Michael St. Peter	
CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS Christ Church St. Andrew St. George St. George St. James St. John St. Joseph St. Lucy St. Michael St. Philip St. Thomas CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS Christ Church St. George St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy St. Lucy	

ADDITIONAL SHELTER INFORMATION	25
HOUSEHOLD DISASTER SUPPLY KIT	25
EMERGENCY SHELTERING	26
BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME	27
WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING HOME	28
AT THE SHELTER	29
THINGS TO DO AT THE START OF THE HURRICANE SEASON	30
WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS GIVEN	31
WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS GIVEN	32
ANIMALS AND EMERGENCIES	33
HURRICANE TERMS	34
LIST OF DISTRICT EMERGENCY ORGANISATIONS	36

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Name	Work Address	Telephone Numbers
Mrs. Joy Adamson Chief Shelter Warden	Chief Education Officer (Ag) Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training Elsie Payne Complex Constitution Road, St. Michael	Tel: 271-8871 (H) 535-0609 (W)
Dr. Roderick Rudder Deputy Chief Shelter Warden	Deputy Chief Education Officer Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training Elsie Payne Complex Constitution Road, St. Michael	Tel: 422-8014 (H) 535-0614 (W)
Mr. Glyne Price Deputy Chief Shelter Warden	Deputy Chief Education Officer (Ag) Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training Elsie Payne Complex Constitution Road, St. Michael	Tel: 423-2829 (H) 535-0613 (W)
Ms. Kerry Hinds	Director Department of Emergency Management (DEM)	439-8725 (H) 438-7575 (W) 535-7153 (W)
Mrs. Danielle Skeete	Deputy Director (Ag) Department of Emergency Management (DEM)	438-7575 (W) 535-7155 (W)
DEM Secretariat	"Georges Greaves Building" #24 Warren's Industrial Park St. Michael	438-7575 421-8768 421-6736 421-7846 421-2119 535-7169 421-8612 (Fax)
Police Department		211/430-7100
Fire Service		311/535-7824
Emergency Ambulance	Service	511
Queen Elizabeth Hospi	tal	436-6450
Barbados Defence Ford	ce	536-2000

FOREWORD

This Emergency Shelter Booklet has been updated to facilitate communication in times of disaster.

The booklet includes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of Senior Wardens, Deputy Senior Wardens and Emergency Wardens in addition to key personnel and agencies. This information is only current up to the time of printing since shelter staff may not be performing their substantive assignments for one reason or another during the period of the event. However, in such cases Shelter Wardens are requested to inform the Chief Shelter Warden as soon as possible so that changes may be disseminated.

Every effort is made to have this Ministry's annual civil works conducted during the summer vacation; thus it is expected that some schools will be unavailable as shelters.

You are reminded that there are several natural and man-made hazards, some of them potentially more destructive than hurricanes. These include earthquakes, tsunamis, fires, oil spills and aircraft crashes to mention only a few.

Shelters are listed in two categories, as follows:

- **Category 1** Shelters which may be used during a hurricane or other hazard event.
- **Category 2** Shelters which may be used if they are still in a reasonable condition after a hazard event or disaster.

It should be stressed that persons who seek refuge in shelters do so at their own risk. Therefore, It is recommended that your home or the home of a relative or friend should always be your first option for sheltering. If you plan to remain at home, a safe room would essentially be the room with the least number of openings (windows and doors) to the outside, such as a bathroom or walk-in closet or hallway.

Persons are however advised to prepare emergency kits in case they must go to a shelter. Non-perishable food items should be included to last for at least three (3) days.

The Ministry takes this opportunity to thank all persons who are rendering national service as Senior Wardens, Deputy Senior Wardens and Emergency Senior Wardens as well as those who assist with the work of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM).

This Booklet should be easily accessible in case of a disaster. Please be aware that a list of shelters will be published in all local media and on the social media platforms of the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training, the Department of Emergency Management, and the Barbados Government Information Service.

Let us pray that Barbados will again this year be spared the impact of a hurricane or any other disaster.

Mrs. Joy Adamson Chief Education Officer (Ag.) (Chief Shelter Warden)

SHELTERS WITH WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

There are twenty-two (22) Category 1 Emergency Shelters with wheelchair access:

CATEGORY 1

CHRIST CHURCH

Blackman and Gollop Primary School Christ Church Foundation Dunamis Outreach Ministries of the Wesleyan Holiness Church St. Christopher Primary School

ST. GEORGE

Cuthbert Moore Primary School Ellerton Wesleyan Holiness Church

ST. JAMES

Gordon Greenidge Primary School

ST. JOHN

The Lodge School

ST. JOSEPH

Tamarind Hall Branch Library (Eric Holder Municipal Complex)

ST. LUCY

Connell Town Pentecostal House of Prayer The William Donald George Parish Centre (St. Lucy Parish Church)

ST. MICHAEL

Black Rock Seventh Day Adventist Dalkeith Methodist Church Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre The University of the West Indies

ST. PETER

Coleridge and Parry Secondary Roland Edwards Primary School

ST. PHILIP

Hilda Skeene Primary School Ruby Church of the Nazarene

ST. THOMAS

Hillaby Seventh Day Adventist Church Hillaby Turners Hall Primary School The Lester Vaughan School



This logo indicates shelters with wheelchair access.

EMERGENCY SHELTER REGULATIONS

- The Senior Warden is the supreme authority in the shelter and his/her decision is final.
- The Emergency Shelter Warden or other Shelter Warden designated by the Senior Warden will be responsible for the Shelter in the absence of the Senior Shelter Warden.
- 3. The Warden is entitled to call upon any occupant of the Shelter to assist in its operation and every occupant is expected to cooperate to the best of his or her ability.
- 4. If a State of Emergency is proclaimed at any time under the Emergency Management Act CAP 160A, all persons within the shelter will be subject to Orders made under the Act and will be liable for such penalties as may be imposed for failure to comply.
- 5. The Senior Warden and all assistants are NOT responsible for any item of personal property of any occupant of the Shelter.
- 6. The Department of Emergency Management will NOT be liable for any damage to, or loss of, any property belonging to any occupant.
- Any person who is seen defacing or in any way damaging the Shelter or any item of its furniture or equipment will be prosecuted.
- 8. Unseemly, indecent or unsocial behavior such as the use of violence, profane language or drunkenness will not be tolerated and will result in prosecution where any such offence is contrary to the law.
- 9. Smoking WILL NOT be allowed in an Emergency Shelter.
- 10. The consumption of alcohol in any form is <u>strictly forbidden</u> in an Emergency Shelter.
- 11. Firearms **WILL NOT** be allowed in an Emergency Shelter.
- 12. Offensive weapons **WILL NOT** be allowed in an Emergency Shelter

20 CATEGORY 1 PUBLIC SHELTERS

Shelters which may be used during a hurricane or other emergency event.

Christ Church: Public Category 1 Shelters

Blackman and Gollop Primary CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 70 POTABLE WATER Available **Christ Church Foundation** CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 75 POTABLE WATER Available **Gordon Walters Primary CATEGORY 1** Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available St. Christopher Primary CATEGORY 1 Accommodation 75 POTABLE WATER Available

St. George: Public Category 1 Shelters

Cuthbert Moore Primary
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 36
POTABLE WATER Available

St. James: Public Category 1 Shelters

Gordon Greenidge Primary
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 40
POTABLE WATER Available

Queen's College
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 100
POTABLE WATER Available

St. John: Public Category 1 Shelters

The Lodge School
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 195
POTABLE WATER Available

St. Joseph: Public Category 1 Shelters

Tamarind Hall Library - Eric Holder Municipal Complex

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 54

POTABLE WATER Available



• This facility is only used in the event of a hurricane.

St. Michael: Public Category 1 Shelters

Combermere School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 100

POTABLE WATER Available

Ellerslie Secondary School

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 55

POTABLE WATER Available

Harrison College

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 81

POTABLE WATER Available

Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 607

POTABLE WATER Available



Parkinson Memorial

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 63

POTABLE WATER Available

The University of the West Indies

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 100

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Peter: Public Category 1 Shelters

Coleridge and Parry School
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 140
POTABLE WATER Available

Roland Edwards Primary
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 36
POTABLE WATER Available

St. Philip: Public Category 1 Shelters

Hilda Skeene Primary
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 32
POTABLE WATER Available

St. Thomas: Public Category 1 Shelters

Hillaby/Turners Hall Primary
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 35
POTABLE WATER Available

The Lester Vaughan School
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 115
POTABLE WATER Available

13

CATEGORY 1 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS

Shelters which may be used during a hurricane or other emergency event.

Christ Church: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Dunamis Outreach Ministries of the Wesleyan Holiness Church

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 93

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Andrew: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Hillaby Seventh Day Adventist Church

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 32

POTABLE WATER Available



St. George: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Ellerton Wesleyan Holiness Church

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 24

POTABLE WATER Available



St. James: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Church of God Orange Hill

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 61

POTABLE WATER Available

St. Lucy: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Connell Town Pentecostal House of Prayer

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 21

NO POTABLE WATER Available



The William Donald George Parish Centre (St. Lucy Parish Church)

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 20

NO POTABLE WATER Available



St. Michael: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Black Rock Seventh Day Adventist

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 32

POTABLE WATER Available



Dalkeith Methodist Church

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 34

POTABLE WATER Available



Faith Wesleyan Holiness Church

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 30

NO POTABLE WATER Available

St. Barnabas Day Care Centre

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 46

NO POTABLE WATER Available

St. Philip: Category 1 Privately Owned Shelters

Ruby Church of the Nazarene

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 45

NO POTABLE WATER Available



Six Roads Church of Christ

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 40

NO POTABLE WATER Available

Six Roads Seventh Day Adventist

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 22

NO POTABLE WATER Available

41 CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC SHELTERS

Shelters which may be used after a hurricane or other emergency event.

Christ Church: Public Category 2 Shelters

Arthur Smith Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available **Christ Church Girls CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 90 POTABLE WATER Available **Deighton Griffith Secondary CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available Milton Lynch Primary School **CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available St. Bartholomew Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available

St. Andrew: Public Category 2 Shelters

A. DaCosta Edwards Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available

St. George: Public Category 2 Shelters

Ellerton Primary
CATEGORY 2
Accommodation 25
POTABLE WATER Available

St. George Primary
CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 50 POTABLE WATER Available

St. George: Public Category 2 Shelters

St. George Secondary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 80

POTABLE WATER Available

St. James: Public Category 2 Shelters

Good Shepherd Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Silas Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available

West Terrace Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



St. John: Public Category 2 Shelters

Mount Tabor Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Margaret's Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available

St. John Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 100

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Joseph: Public Category 2 Shelters

Grantley Adams Memorial

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 120

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Joseph: Public Category 2 Shelters

St. Bernard Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available St. Joseph Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available

St. Lucy: Public Category 2 Shelters

Daryll Jordan Secondary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 150 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.	
Ignatius Byer Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.	
Selah Primary CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.	

St. Michael: Public Category 2 Shelters

Barbados Community College CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 244 NO POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.	
Bay Primary CATEGORY 2		
Accommodation 50		
POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.	
Charles F. Broome Memorial		
CATEGORY 2		
Accommodation 110		
POTABLE WATER Available		

St. Michael: Public Category 2 Shelters

On a super I a supervisor at Darks	
George Lamming Primary CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 79 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
Grantley Prescod Memorial CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 50 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
Grazettes Primary CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 50 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
Hindsbury Primary CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 70 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
Lawrence T. Gay Memorial CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available	
Luther Thorne Memorial CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 100 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
Springer Memorial School	
CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 66	
POTABLE WATER Available	
St. Ambrose Primary CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 40 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
St. Leonard's Boys' School CATEGORY 2	
Accommodation 55 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.

St. Michael: Public Category 2 Shelters

The St. Michael School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 37

POTABLE WATER Available



Westbury Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 55

POTABLE WATER Available

St. Philip: Public Category 2 Shelters

Bayley's Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 45

POTABLE WATER Available

Princess Margaret Secondary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 60

POTABLE WATER Available



Reynold Weekes Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 45

POTABLE WATER Available

St. Thomas: Public Category 2 Shelters

Holy Innocents Primary School

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available

Sharon Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 40

POTABLE WATER Available



Welches Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 22

POTABLE WATER Available

17

CATEGORY 2 PRIVATELY OWNED SHELTERS

Shelters which may be used after a hurricane or other emergency event.

Christ Church: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

Cane Vale Seventh Day Adventist Church **CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 30 NO POTABLE WATER Available **Hawthorn Methodist Church CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 27 NO POTABLE WATER Available Ivan Harewood Centre (Christ Church Parish Church) **CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 75 NO POTABLE WATER Available Salvation Army Church (Wotton) **CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 14 NO POTABLE WATER Available St. Christopher Anglican Church **CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 35 POTABLE WATER Available St. Matthias Church **CATEGORY 2** Accommodation 23 NO POTABLE Water Available

St. George: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

St. George Parish Church
CATEGORY 2
Accommodation 80
NO POTABLE WATER Available

St. Lucy: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

Bennett's Temple United Holy Church of America
CATEGORY 1
Accommodation 22
NO POTABLE WATER Available

St. Lucy: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

Salvation Army Checker Hall

CATEGORY 1

Accommodation 14

NO POTABLE WATER Available

St. Clement Centre

(St. Clement

Church)

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 30

NO POTABLE WATER Available



St. Michael: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

People's Cathedral

Primary

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 60

NO POTABLE WATER Available



St. Matthew's Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 35

NO POTABLE WATER Available



St. Peter: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

The Salvation Army Lighthouse Centre (Women & Children Only)

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 12

NO POTABLE WATER Available



St. Philip-the-Less Anglican Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 45

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Philip: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

Foursquare Nazarene Church

CATEGORY 2

Accommodation 35

POTABLE WATER Available



St. Philip: Category 2 Privately Owned Shelters

Gemswick Nazarene Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 45 NO POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.
St. Catherine's Church CATEGORY 2 Accommodation 45 POTABLE WATER Available	Ġ.

ADDITIONAL SHELTER INFORMATION

HOUSEHOLD DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Listed below are the most important items for a Disaster Supply Kit. These kits should be stocked and replenish as necessary, especially at the beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season (June 1¹):

- Two-weeks supply of prescription medicines.
- Two-weeks supply of non-perishable/special dietary foods.
- Drinking water in containers: 1 gal per person/per day for two weeks.
- Water purification kit (tablets, bleach, chlorine (plain) and iodine).
- Flashlights and batteries.
- Portable radio and extra batteries.
- First Aid book and kit including bandages, antiseptic, tape, compresses, non-aspirin pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication.
- Two coolers (one to keep food and one for ice).
- Plastic tarp for roof/window repair, screening, tools, nails, etc.
- Infant necessities (medicine, sterile water, diapers, ready formula, bottles).
- Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant).
- Non-electric can opener
- Plastic trash bags.
- Toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer and pre-moisturized towelettes.
- Fire extinguisher.
- Complete set of clothes, shoes, gloves, rain gear etc.
- Personal sanitary items.
- Important documents (stored in water-tight plastic bags or plastic containers).
- Cash (preferably in denominations of \$20.00 and less)

¹ Hurricanes and storms can occur before the official start of the hurricane season.

EMERGENCY SHELTERING

One of the realities of emergencies and disasters of all kinds is that people may be forced to leave their homes; because of the threat of a hazard impact or their homes may have been destroyed or damaged extensively by the event.

Shelter is a basic human need. In addition to water, food, health and personal care, shelter is crucial to survival in an emergency or disaster. In addition to survival, good shelter promotes the maintenance of health and safeguards the population from the potential negative impacts of exposure to the physical environment. However, emergency shelters are not expected to become permanent homes for evacuated persons.

Shelters are structurally sound buildings, in safe locations that are designated in the planning stages of Disaster Management Programmes to house victims of an emergency or disaster and to provide for their immediate needs. The period of occupation at these facilities is usually a very brief one extending not more than a few days but may be lengthened depending on the severity of impact on the affected community.

Sheltering in a national emergency shelter, should be your last resort. Persons should always make prior arrangements to seek shelter with family or friend. Wherever you go, take provisions with you. However, if you have to evacuate to a public shelter, you should follow the guidelines below:

- Know the emergency shelters located in your area. This information can be obtained from the Department of Emergency Management or from your District Emergency Organisation (DEO). Contact numbers can be found on page 44.
- Do not attempt to seek refuge in a shelter unless notified by authorities that it has been officially opened.
- Listen for evacuation advice and leave promptly when advised by authorities to do so.
- Recognize that a public shelter's primary function is to provide refuge, that is, a roof over your head.
- Pets, weapons, alcoholic beverages and narcotics will NOT be allowed in a shelter. Cigarette or cigar smoking will NOT be permitted.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Be sure your family is well fed if possible before you take them to the home of a friend or to a public shelter.
- Fill as many containers as possible with water. Fill bathtub and washing machine with water. (You may need this supply when you return.)
- Shut off water and electricity at their main switches. Do not touch any
 electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area or you are standing on a
 piece of dry wood with rubber footwear and gloves.
- Shut off valve on propane gas tank. Leave outside and anchor securely.
- Lock windows and doors.
- Have plenty of newspaper for sanitary purposes.
- Pets ARE NOT allowed in Emergency Shelters. If possible, arrange to leave your pets with a friend or release them inside house. Do not leave pets outside or tied up during a hurricane. Leave plenty of water. Remove toilet tank lid and raise toilet seat so pets can drink. Brace bathroom door to stay open.
- Take small valuables and the following important papers but travel light:
 Driver's license or other identification, bankbook/cards, insurance policies, property inventory and photos, cash (in denominations of \$20.00 or less), device to convey special medical information.
- Shelter Managers WILL NOT be responsible for the storage of valuable items.

WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING HOME

- Leave early, in daylight if possible.
- Avoid already flooded areas. Do not attempt to cross any stretch of floodwaters.
- DO NOT drive on roads covered with water. Under those floodwaters, the road could already be washed away. The rising waters could lift your car and carry it away. There may be no available help on site.
- Drive carefully; do not travel further than necessary. Roads may be jammed or blocked.
- Take extra precautions if you are told to evacuate at night. Darkness hides the flood dangers. If you suddenly find yourself driving through floodwaters and your car stalls, get out immediately and climb to higher ground. A stranded automobile could become a coffin.
- When you have found a safe refuge, stay put! Many people have lost their lives trying to go from one place to another.

AT THE SHELTER

If you know that your home is not secure or safe, or if you have been advised by the relevant authorities to evacuate, go to the nearest Emergency Shelter.

Bring the following items to the Shelter for your health and comfort: -

- BLANKET
- 2. PILLOW
- COT OR SI FEPING BAG.
- 4. FLASHLIGHT PORTABLE RADIO AND BATTERIES
- MEDICATION
- 6. SPECIAL FOODS (Diet, Baby Food etc.)
- DIAPERS AND OTHER BABY NEEDS
- 8. EXTRA CLOTHING, SHOES, EYEGLASSES ETC
- BOOKS, PLAYING CARDS, QUIET GAMES AND TOYS FOR SMALL CHILDREN
- 10. AT LEAST THREE (3) DAYS SUPPLY OF WATER AND FOOD
- Register each member of your family/group as soon as you enter the Shelter.
- If conflicts arise between shelter occupants, the shelter manager will decide the course of action.
- Remember keeping the shelter facility clean and sanitary is everyone's responsibility.

THINGS TO DO AT THE START OF THE HURRICANE SEASON

- Check on these emergency items: water, boots, raincoats, flashlights and batteries, battery powered radio, battery-powered lamp, matches, hurricane shutters, etc.
- Clear all limbs and rotten tree branches which look as if they might damage your property.
- DO NOT attempt to cut branches or trees that may fall or have fallen on the wires.
- DO NOT overstock refrigerator or freezer with lots of perishable foods.
- Have First-Aid supplies on hand.
- Stock up on 4-5 days' supply of food that does not need cooking or refrigeration.
- Open flame lamps and candles create a possible fire hazard. Use flashlights or battery powered lamps.
- Be sure you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Check your roof annually for loose screws or nails and damaged roof sheeting. Repair and replace, as necessary.
- If you are a Business owner, take the necessary precautions. If a storm threatens, secure your building. Cover windows, cover and move equipment/furniture to a secure area.
- ALWAYS protect your data with backup files. If dependent on data processing, consider storage at an alternate site. Also, make provisions for alternate communications and power.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS GIVEN

- Listen for weather updates on the local radio and television stations. Do not trust rumours and stay tuned to the latest information.
- Check your disaster supplies kit. Replenish items as needed.
- Refill prescriptions. Maintain at least a two-week supply during the hurricane season.
- Clear surroundings of potential flying debris. E.g., patio furniture, potted plants, bicycles, and trash cans.
- Clean containers for drinking water and bathtubs for storing clean water.
 Plan on three gallons per person, per day for all uses.
- Protect your windows and glass doors. If shutters have not been installed, you may also use pre-cut plywood. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, taping windows is not recommended.
- Fill your car's gas tank and check oil, water and tires. Remember that gas pumps do not operate without electricity.
- If you own a boat, secure it early.
- Owners of swimming pools should leave them filled and superchlorinated. (cover the filtration system)
- Get cash, preferably in denominations of \$20.00 or less. Banks and ATMs will not be in operation without electricity and few stores will be able to accept credit cards, debit cards or personal checks.
- Always have some form of personal identification on your person ID Card, Driver's Licence or Passport.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS GIVEN

- Listen to the advice of local officials and leave your location if instructed.
- Complete preparation activities. Make sure your windows are protected and home secured.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, and away from windows.
- Have at least a two-week supply of non-perishable foods.
- During the storm, stay inside and away from windows, skylights, and glass doors. Find a safe area in your home - an interior, reinforced room, closet, hallway or bathroom at ground level.
- Wait for the official All Clear. Do not be fooled by the storm's calm "eye". The worst part of the hurricane occurs once the "eye' passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be further destroyed by the second winds.
- If you lose electrical power, turn off major appliances to reduce the possibility of damage.
- Be alert for storm surges that may result in further damages to properties along coastal areas.
- If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

ANIMALS AND EMERGENCIES

PETS

- Pet owners are responsible for the protection of their pets during disaster events.
- If you plan to evacuate, plan for your pet as well. Pets ARE NOT allowed in emergency shelters.



 Make prior arrangements to shelter pets. If you go to friends or relatives and it is okay to take your pets; also take your Pet Survival Kit as well.

Pet Survival Kit

- Proper ID collar/tag, photograph of your pet
- Carrier/cage, leash and toy
- Ample food supply (at least two weeks) moist food is recommended to preserve water.
- Water/food bowls
- Any necessary medication/s
- Sanitary items (newspaper, litter box, poo bags, paper towels, chlorine bleach)
- After the disaster event has passed, be careful in allowing your pets outside as familiar scents and landmarks may have been altered causing your pets to become confused and lost.
- Downed power lines, damaged buildings, animals and insects brought with the disaster could also present real dangers to your pet. Take care not to allow your pet to consume food or water which may have become contaminated.

LIVESTOCKS AND LARGER ANIMALS



- Determine whether to move animals to an indoor area (barn) or turn them loose outside.
- If possible, ensure animals have some form of identification.
- If animals are to be evacuated, ensure vehicles (including trailers) are available.
- Ensure that destinations have food, water, handling equipment.
- Contact the Veterinary Services Department (535-0221) for further information.

HURRICANE TERMS

Tropical Wave

A kink or bend in the normally straight flow of surface air in the tropics which forms a low-pressure trough, or pressure boundary, and showers and thunderstorms. Can develop into a tropical cyclone.

Tropical Depression

A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds near the surface of less than 39 mph.

Tropical Storm

Tropical cyclone with winds of 39 to 74 mph.

Tropical Storm Watch

Tropical storm conditions (34 to 73 mph) are expected within 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning

Tropical storm conditions (34 to 73 mph) are expected within 36 hours.

Tropical Storm All Clear

This means that the storm has left the area, but caution should prevail.

Hurricane

A tropical cyclone with winds of 74 mph or more. Normally applied to such storms in the Atlantic Basin and the Pacific Ocean east of the International Date Line.

Hurricane Watch

Hurricane conditions are possible and may threaten land within 48 hours.

Hurricane Warning

Hurricane conditions are expected to make landfall within 36 hours.

Hurricane All Clear

This means that the hurricane has left the area, but caution should prevail.

HURRICANE TERMS

Storm Surge

The dome of water that builds up as a hurricane moves over water. As this water comes ashore with the storm, it causes flooding (usually a hurricane's biggest killer).

Eye

The low-pressure center of a hurricane. Winds are normally calm and sometimes the sky clears.

Eye Wall

The ring of thunderstorms that surrounds a hurricane's eye. The heaviest rain, strongest winds and worst turbulence are normally in the eye wall.

Knot:

A measure of speed. To convert nautical miles to miles or knots to miles per hour, multiply by 1.15. To convert miles to nautical miles or miles per hour to knots, divide by 1.15.

Millibar

A metric measurement of air pressure.

Barometric Pressure:

The force exerted on a surface of unit area caused by the weight of the air column above, atmospheric pressure. It indicates the presence and movement of weather patterns and affects many physical measurements.

North Atlantic Basin/Atlantic Basin:

The Atlantic Ocean north of the equator, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico.

LIST OF DISTRICT EMERGENCY ORGANISATIONS

The District Emergency Organisation (DEO) is the volunteer arm of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) who is tasked with coordinating the resources of the community to facilitate effective response in the event of a crisis or disaster.

DISTRICT	CHAIRPERSON	TELEPHONE NOS.
CHRIST CHURCH EAST	Ms. Sharon Inniss	230-7151 (C)
CHRIST CHURCH EAST CENTRAL	Mr. Jason Griffith	825-4346 (C)
CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH	Mr. Mohammed Ali Kothdiwala	830-3718 (C)
CHRIST CHURCH WEST	Mr. Ian Smitten	245-7606 (C)
CHRIST CHURCH WEST CENTRAL	Mr. Kemar Saffrey	266-5619 (C)
CITY OF BRIDGETOWN	Mr. Samuel Holder	831-5900 (C)
ST. ANDREW	Ms. Hyacinth Ramsey	261-7419 (C)
ST. GEORGE NORTH	Mr. Roderick Yard	696-0974 (C)
ST. GEORGE SOUTH	Mr. Roger Padmore	230-6493 (C)
ST. JAMES CENTRAL	Mr. Selwyn Brooks	232-7381 (C)
ST. JAMES NORTH	Ms. Kimberley Agard	232-8377 (C)
ST. JAMES SOUTH	Mr. David Hall	240-9447 (C)
ST. JOHN	Mr. John Haynes	826-5559 (C)
ST. JOSEPH	Mr. Arundell Thompson	830-0094 (C)
ST. LUCY	Ms. Rontae Johnson-Annius	268-5122 (C)
ST. MICHAEL	Mrs. Gail Powers-Yard	255-2372 (C)
CENTRAL		
ST. MICHAEL EAST	Mr. Kirt Trotman	262-5074 (C)
ST. MICHAEL NORTH	Mr. John Downes	847-8333 (C)
ST. MICHAEL NORTH EAST	Mr. Peterson Yearwood	834-3724 (C)
ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST	Ms. Doriel Gill-Skinner	240-8559 (C)
ST. MICHAEL SOUTH	Ms. Richelle Brathwaite	262-1093 (C)

DISTRICT	CHAIRPERSON	TELEPHONE NOS.
ST. MICHAEL SOUTH CENTRAL	Mr. Barton Green	242-0748 (C)
ST. MICHAEL SOUTH EAST	Ms. Sophia Greaves-Broome	832-4130 (C)
ST. MICHAEL WEST	Ms. Kathy Harris	240-3189 (C)
ST. MICHAEL WEST CENTRAL	Ms. Mary Walker	258-3946 (C)
ST. PETER	Mr. Dave Hurley	838-8338 (C)
ST. PHILIP NORTH	Ms. Maria Mayers	236-4909 (C)
ST. PHILIP SOUTH	Mrs. Sharon-Rose Gittens	230-3641 (C)
ST. PHILIP WEST	Mr. Theo Jemmott	234-0921 (C)
ST. THOMAS	Mr. Ronald Springer	249-8275 (C)

NOTES

