

PRESS RELEASE

Kennebecasis Valley Emergency Measures Organization

Hurricane Earl is expected to generate strong gusty winds and heavy rainfall warnings predicted for New Brunswick beginning late this evening, continuing into late Saturday. The KV EMO strongly recommends that residents prepare for this storm:

1. Tie down, or put away any loose objects in your yards, such as lawn furniture, toys, gazebos, etc., so as to avoid broken windows from flying debris.
2. If your property is susceptible to flooding, check and ensure that the normal drainage path and patterns are kept clear.
3. Be prepared for possible power outages by:
 - i. filling up drinking water containers for water supply (2 litres per person per day);
 - ii. filling up bathtubs for toilet flushing water;
 - iii. ensure you have flashlights and batteries on hand;
 - iv. ensure you have a battery powered or wind-up radio, (and extra batteries);
 - v. have on hand food that won't spoil, such as canned food (keep a manual can opener accessible) and energy bars;
 - vi. any special needs items such as prescription medications; infant formula, etc.

Although this is the season for hurricanes, residents are reminded to be prepared year-round as emergencies and disasters can often strike quickly.

For further information; please visit the NB EMO site at www.gnb.ca/cnb/emo-omu/index-e.asp; the Environment Canada site at www.weatheroffice.gc.ca or call NB EMO toll free at 1-800-561-4034.

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